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Kings come through in shining fashion for Greenwood F.D.

By MICHAEL DANIELS

Opening a letter sent on behalf of the King of Horror can be a bit unnerving — even for a seasoned emergency responder.

Last Friday morning, as he often does, Greenwood Fire Chief Jim Owen picked up the department's mail at the Town Office, chatted a bit, then went outside, climbed back into his truck and returned to the nearby fire station.

Back at his desk, he sorted through the mail, stopping to open one unfamiliar piece.

He skimmed it quickly, then read it again more slowly — then bolted outside, back into his truck, and returned to the Town Office.

"His hand was shaking when he came through the door," said Town Manager Kim Sparks.

But it was delight, not fright, that triggered the trembling.

The chief had just opened a letter — a totally unexpected letter — from the Stephen and Tabitha King Foundation.

Addressed to the Greenwood Fireman's Association, the letter was brief and to the point.

"Dear Firefighters:

"Please find enclosed a check for \$25,000 toward the purchase of a new fire truck. Depositing or cashing this check is an agreement that you will use the funds as stated. We appreciate the good work that you do for the people of Maine."

"Congratulation and continued success with your good work," the letter concluded.

It was signed by Foundation Administrator Stephanie Leonard.

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14-foot crank telephone anchors sculptor's plan for Woodstock common

By ALISON ALOISIO

Sculptor Gil Whitman last week proposed a beautification project for the Woodstock common that would include a gazebo, a 14-foot sculpture of a hand-crank telephone and a stone wall.

Whitman is a Woodstock native and accomplished sculptor whose work has appeared across the country. He also did the sculpture of the butterfly in front of the Whitman Memorial Library.

Whitman made a presentation on the common proposal to the Board of Selectmen.

For many years, a hedge grew around much of the common's perimeter. But several years ago, when the hedge became woody with age, selectmen decided to have it cut down.

Now, Whitman has proposed to build a two-foot-high stone wall around three sides of the

common, leaving the side facing Route 26 open.

"It would be high enough to stop traffic [from driving on the common], but it would not obstruct the view," he said.

Bluestone squares would be placed on the top, to provide seating for as many as 100 people.

A small gazebo could be built on one end of the common [away from the Post Office], where musical entertainment might be provided, Whitman said.

At the other end, toward the Post Office, Whitman proposed a 14-foot sculpture of a hand-crank telephone, which he would create.

The steel or aluminum piece would represent Woodstock's place in history as the last town in the country to use a

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Family tells of 'miracle' on Lake Umbagog ice

MAINE DEPT. OF I.F.&W.

Two members of a New Hampshire family believe it's a miracle that they survived a fall into the ice on their snowmobiles late Friday night.

The Morancy family of Dover, N.H., was traveling from Arrowhead, N.H., to Upton after filling their snowmobiles with gas at approximately 10 p.m. Friday (March 7) when whiteout conditions arose on Umbagog Lake, according to to Maine Warden Service Sgt. Richard Mills.

"The family is familiar with the area having logged more than 5,000 miles on their snowmobiles this winter," Sgt. Mills said. "But the weather outmatched their expertise."

Albert Morancy, who was celebrating his 46th birthday Friday, was on the lead snowmobile with his 12-year-old daughter, Haley, and his wife, Linda, on separate sleds be-

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An explosion and fire Friday night destroyed three condominium units at Eden Ridge and caused minor injuries to three people. Marvin Collins was in the unit next to the one that exploded. Lt. S.R. White (at left in the photo) of the Bethel Police Department was the first emergency responder on the scene. He went to the door of Collins' condo (located where the skeleton of the

building is visible), pointed a flashlight inside, and spotted him on his hands and knees on the floor. White entered the building and brought him out. Collins was taken to Stephens Memorial Hospital, where he was kept overnight. In the background of the photo, a firefighter puts water on the blaze from the Andover F.D. ladder truck.

(Photo: A. Aloisio)

Setting off long weekend for area responders

By ALISON ALOISIO

Ice falling off a roof, an ice shank blown off its trailer and a tight turn by a chip truck kept local emergency responders busy during a three-day period around the weekend.

Explosion

An explosion and fire Friday night destroyed three condominium units at Eden Ridge in Bethel and caused minor injuries to three people.

A propane leak from 500-pound underground tanks outside the condominium was the cause, according to the State Fire Marshal's Office.

Ice had fallen onto a gas regulator, breaking it open. The gas then found its way inside

The only time I did get confused a bit was when I got to where I remembered the front door was, and it wasn't there.'

MARVIN COLLINS

one of the units and ignited. Marvin Collins, 64, was on the second floor of the condo unit next door to the one that exploded. He started to make his way down to the first level to get out.

Lt. S.R. White of the Bethel Police Department was the first emergency responder on the scene. He went to the

door of Collins' condo, aimed a flashlight inside, and spotted Collins on his hands and knees. White entered the building and brought him out.

Collins was taken to Stephens Memorial Hospital, where he was kept overnight.

Collins is the vice president of operations at Sunday River

Ski Resort.

An elderly couple in the condo building next door were cut by shattered window glass. They were treated at the scene.

The force of the explosion blew debris into nearby woods and onto the roof of a building at a lower level.

White said a plow truck had to be called to clear debris from the driveway to the building, so emergency vehicles could get through.

The blast at the Vernon Street complex was heard all over Bethel Village, and people in the Bear River area of

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Board
upholds
Sawyer
Notch Rd.
appeal

By ALISON ALOISIO
The Andover Appeals Board last week upheld an appeal by Sawyer Notch Road resident Brenda Stickney that argued the Planning Board had exceeded its authority in granting a road improvement waiver to Richard Pelletier.

Last summer planners approved a plan for Pelletier's Sawyer Ridge Subdivision, off the Sawyer Notch Road.

The subdivision was proposed to have seven lots.

As part of the approval, the board granted Pelletier's request for a waiver from a road ordinance requiring developers upgrade to town standards private roads that connect to their subdivisions.

In this case, the road is a one-mile stretch of the Sawyer Notch Road.

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Letters

SPEAK OUT ON STATE CUTS

To the Editor:

We are writing to express our deep concern about budget cuts that are currently being considered by the state Legislature. Like so many other states, Maine has suffered a loss of revenue caused by the weakening economy and by a reduction in federal assistance for Medicaid insurance and other programs that help needy people. This has left the Legislature with the difficult task of trying to address an almost \$200 million dollar shortfall in the current budget.

The proposals currently being considered to balance the budget without raising taxes will harm the poorest and most vulnerable of our fellow citizens. The proposed cuts will reduce benefits such as healthcare for the elderly, children with disabilities, and indigent adults; limit access to food stamps, and lower reimbursements for foster parents. This should not happen in the world's richest country. Further, at least some of the cost will simply be passed on to our local communities.

This is not a political issue. For example, Governor Baldacci, whom we respect, is apparently supporting these proposed cuts. Forcing the poorest and weakest members of our communities to bear the brunt of budget cuts is immoral. It violates the fundamental beliefs of Christians and members of other faith communities. We have been taught to feed and clothe those in need and to tend to the sick and those in prison. "I tell you, whenever you did this for one of the least important of these brothers of mine, you did it for me." (Matthew 25: 40) However the shortfall is met, whether through selective tax increases, state borrowing, or from the state's rainy-day fund, our faith requires that we speak up to protect the most vulnerable of our citizens.

If you agree, please call your state representative and senator in Augusta on the following toll-free message service: representative, (800) 423-2900; senator, (800) 423-6900.

Pat and Henry Stewart
Greenwood

CHAMBER AWARDS TIME

To the Editor:

The Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce is pleased to have the opportunity each year to recognize deserving community servants, a Bethel area business that has made significant strides in the past year, a Forest Products Industry entrepreneur, four excellent employees who have made extraordinary contributions to their workplaces and three graduating students.

The Awards Committee of the Chamber is seeking nominations for these awards. Anyone may submit a nomination, although the employee awards must be done by the individual's employer or supervisor. Nomination forms, as well as descriptions of the individual awards, are available at the Chamber of Commerce office, or by calling 824-2282.

For the benefit of those individuals unfamiliar with this process, the following awards categories are as follows: The Henry H. Hastings Award for Citizenship; The Lifetime Achievement Award; Forest Products Industry Award; Public Service Award and Business of the Year Award. We are also seeking nominations from business owners and managers to recognize deserving employees in the following award categories: Hospitality Employee of the Year, Retail and Service Employee of the Year, Ski Services Employee of the Year, and Education Employee of the Year.

Nominations are open until Friday, April 4, and should be sent to Annual Awards, c/o Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 1247, Bethel, ME 04217.

The individual nominating should plan to be at the event for the presentation and supporting their award recipient, and we do have an emcee at the microphone in light of the fact that many people do not like to speak in front of a crowd.

On Friday, May 9, the 39th annual Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce Awards Dinner and Silent Auction will be held at the Grand Summit Hotel at Sunday River Ski Resort. All are welcomed to attend the event. The cost is \$35 per person for a complete buffet dinner, from "appetizer to dessert." Tables of eight are available for groups. Call the chamber office at 824-2282 for reservations or information.

Robin Zinchuk
Executive Director

P.O. RETIREMENT CELEBRATION

To the Editor:

It is my honor to announce to the Bethel community that Theresa Perry, one of the dedicated anchors at the Bethel Post Office, is retiring effective March 31, 2008.

Please join with us in celebrating this event at the Bethel Historical Society on March 30 from 1 to 4 p.m. If you are unable to attend, please stop by the Bethel Post Office and give her your warmest wishes.

Theresa Perry began her postal career in 1986 and will be greatly missed by all of her co-workers.

We wish her the very best in her new endeavors.

Norman Milliard
Postmaster

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BETHEL FIRE, YOU ARE SUPER

To the Editor:

As an Eden Ridge homeowner, I would like to comment on the fine job emergency services performed on last Friday night when a huge explosion shook the walls of our buildings, this blast blew two of the units in Building one of our six-building complex to the heavens. Debris came down like the sleet, which was falling, decorating our usually peaceful landscape with all the materials that go into the makings of a home. Residents watched in horror as flames, fed by fuel, billowed into the stormy sky.

First, we are grateful to God that no one was at home in the two units that blew up and that the three who were hurt received relatively minor injuries. Many thanks to first responders police Lieutenant White, who answered my 911 call and appeared within three minutes, helping to rescue the owners on either side of the blast and also to the residents from Building Five who came quickly to help.

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts to Bethel Fire Chief Mike Jodrey and his volunteer fire crew and other town fire companies that came, from Newry, Greenwood, Woodstock, and Gilford. The area was in difficult terrain, narrow, high-banked roads. The water pressure was inadequate, and when Bethel department arrived, the remaining four units of Building One were burning, as well as the first unit of Building Two. The new hook and ladder truck of Newry and the "pumper" trucks literally made the difference in saving that unit and keeping the fire from spreading further. These men and women (I saw at least one woman firefighter) worked relentlessly as one body all night and half of Saturday. A special thanks to fireman Jim Bennett who went beyond the call of duty by fulfilling the request of an anxious owner. Jim retrieved sentimental objects for the owner and his wife via a cell phone call.

Thanks again! You all are super!

Sandra Seaver
Representing Eden Ridge Homeowners' Board of Directors

RATIONALE FOR A.F.D. TRUCK REQUEST

To the Editor:

History: In 1986, the town of Andover purchased a used pumper from Cliffside Park, N.J. The engine that was purchased is a 1977 Howe Custom pumper (now Andover's engine 4) that was supposed to buy Andover time to raise funding to purchase a new engine. The intent at that time was to get 10 years out of the used engine and replace it with a new one. Now, 22 years later, we finally have the opportunity to do just that.

In 2002, the Assistance to Firefighter Grant program was established by Congress and is now administrated through FEMA. The Andover Fire Department has been very aggressively trying to take advantage of every opportunity to upgrade our equipment and skills. Through grant awards, the Andover Fire Department has been able to obtain new self-contained breathing apparatus, new personal protective equipment (turnout gear), new technical rescue training (high-angle rope, confined space, trench rescue and tower rescue), technical rescue equipment (ropes and accessories and full-body harnesses), hydraulic rescue jaws, six-wheel ATV, swift-water rescue equipment and training, and ice-water rescue equipment and training. Every other year, the Andover Fire Department applied for a new fire truck grant, but until now, we never made the cut. This year, we finally were awarded a grant to purchase a new truck to replace the old 1977 Howe pumper (Engine 4).

In April of 2007, the Andover Fire Department applied for a grant to replace E4. The engine that was requested would have all the features of E4 plus carry more water, have a Class A foam system and Compressed Air Foam System on board and be compliant with today's standards, which was cost estimated to be \$325,000. In February of 2008, the Andover Fire Department was advised that we could have a grant, but the requested amount was reduced to \$250,000. An appeal was made to restore the grant to full funding as requested, but was denied. In the end, the \$250,000 grant was accepted with the Federal share being \$237,500 and the town of Andover's share being \$12,500.

Will this get us a Fire Truck? Yes, but it will be an off-the-shelf program truck that will not have the features that we were asking for. You will note one article in the Town Meeting warrant relating to the acceptance of the grant and another to see if the town will supplement the grant with additional funding to enable the fire department to purchase an engine with the features we need to enhance our capabilities. Even with the additional funding, we would not be able to obtain all the features that we had hoped for. The most important items are the foam and CAFS systems.

What the foam and CAFS system does is enhance the water capabilities making it possible to be more effective at extinguishments and be less damaging to contents and the structure due to water damage. The foam itself makes the water slipperier allowing it to penetrate the Class A material that is burning instead of just getting the surface wet and running off down the street. The CAFS system injects air into the water/foam concentrate solution, which makes it behave like soap. With the amount of air supplied, the foam solution can be made very wet or dry like shaving cream. If exposure protection is needed, the foam solution can be dried out so that it will cling to whatever it is applied to allow the firefighters to move on and extinguish the fire rather than waste the available water to protect the exposure.

If the voters of the town of Andover vote to support the supplement, it would enable the fire department to replace a second engine as well. This would reduce the fleet eliminating the need for some much-needed maintenance and restore some much-needed space in the fire station. The current fleet has been required because of the anticipated times any one piece of equipment would be down for maintenance because of its age. If the voters vote to supplement the grant award, the new truck would carry more water than the two units it would replace, be up to date meeting OSHA and NFPA requirements and be trouble free for many years to come.

Having talked to a number of recognized town residents, a couple of options have been suggested for raising the supplemental funding:

1) Utilize \$35,000 from the existing fire truck account along with an anticipated \$20,000 from the sale of Engine 4 and Engine 3 leaving \$45,000 to be raised from the floor. This option would not require any loans and or interest payments.

2) Raise an additional \$100,000 via a lease/purchase plan to be paid with yearly payments for whatever duration the town would enjoy. If this were the wishes of the voters, a possible plan would be to take the note out at the time of delivery (expected to be January or February 2010). The first payment would be due in January or February 2010 and could be made from the existing fire truck account. At that time, the payments for the new town backhoe would be done and subsequent payments could be made with funds currently being raised for the backhoe payments.

3) Any other options/suggestions would be greatly appreciated.

Hoping for your support,

Kenneth M. Dixon
Andover Fire Chief

MERROW FOR SELECTMAN

To the Editor:

I urge the voters of the town of Andover to attend the Town Meeting and to vote on March 18 for the candidate of your choice.

I choose to support candidate Susan Merrow for selectman. Her platform includes seeing that our tax dollars are being watched closely and are kept affordable. If that is what you want— vote for her. She believes the citizens should make decisions about Andover's future and that the selectmen should gather and rally complete thorough information to help us understand both sides. If you believe that— vote for her.

She is fairly new to our town, but she does have a proven track record here. The Transfer Station, with the help of a great committee and many citizens (and our recycling efforts) has been a great success. We came in under budget in 2007 and brought in over \$6,000 in revenue from metal and recycling sales. Imagine that— we no longer have a "Town Dump," we have a "Transfer Station," and a "Recycling Center." This is an indication of skills and strategies Susan has on how to make it easier for people to get involved and stay involved.

We all know that our world is changing— money is tighter than ever, Augusta is putting more and more burden on towns and citizens. We need information, leadership, ideas, neighborly input and research to help Andover's citizens make sound choices about Andover's future.

As a citizen of Andover let your voice be heard at Town Meeting and with your vote on March 18 from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Town Hall.

Dianne Cutting
Andover

DOGGIE PASSES AID PLAYGROUND EFFORT

To the Editor:

In response to last week's letter by Stacie Melanson calling for donations to the Davis Park Playground project, I would like to call attention to Sunday River's Doggie Season Pass program, which is raising funds for the playground. We will be cutting the final check at the beginning of April. As of this letter approximately \$1,200 has been raised and we hope more folks will come out in the final weeks to add to that total and get closer to the \$3,000 goal.

The Dog ID tags look like Sunday River season passes. The tags feature a photo of Fido, his/her name and a contact phone number. They cost \$20 and all funds go toward the Davis Park project. Help out this great cause and get your pooch the coolest dog tag in town. Come one and all with your dogs to the Season Pass Office at the South Ridge Base Lodge to support this worthy cause.

Alex Kaufman
Bethel

DOWNHILL DERBY MEETING

To the Editor:

The West Paris Downhill Derby will be having a meeting March 17 at 6:30 p.m. at the West Paris Town Office on Kingsbury Street. We will be electing officers for the new year. We also will be making out the race schedule. Our first race will be during "West Paris Old Home Days" the first weekend in June. We hope to have new members join up. For more information, please contact me at 890-1174.

Katie Collette
President, West Paris Downhill Derby

Our Back Pages

Compiled by Danna Brown Nickerson
10 years ago: Arlan Jodrey announced his candidacy for the District 65 state Representative's seat.

The Hastings Farm in Bethel was featured in a one-hour documentary on the Maine Public Television series "Our Stories."

Albert Foster, East Bethel was tapping his sugar maple trees and making syrup.

Deaths: Zenas Bartlett, Jr., William H. Westleigh.

20 years ago: A costume parade was held as part of Mt. Abram Ski Slope's Family Fun Weekend.

Ski jumping returned to Gould Academy with great success under the direction of coaches John Wight and Paul McGuire.

There were 65 participants in Sunday River Ski Touring Center's 16th annual Langlauf Tour/Race.

Deaths: David D. Thompson, Frank E. Landry, Joseph I. Perry, Gertrude May Yema, Merna M. Allen, Valerie Young Costello.

30 years ago: The Telstar Swingin' Rebel Jazz Band participated in the state District 1, 2, and 3 Jazz Contest at U.M.P.G.

Over 70 skiers gathered at the Sunday River Inn for the 6th annual Sunday River Langlauf.

Mr. and Mrs. John Gasser joined the real estate firm of Robert Crane Associates.

Birth: Timothy Edward Painchaud.

Deaths: Everett H. Buck, Lorraine F. Hutchinson.

40 years ago: Gould Academy students Susan Wyke and Richard D'Alessandro participated in the State Gymnastics meet at Bangor.

About 128 Girl Scouts and Brownie Scouts and their fathers attended a most successful Father-Daughter Banquet held at the Congregational Church.

Sparks from the chimney caused an estimated \$50 damage to the roof of the Elm Street School in Andover.

Death: Robert Henderson.

50 years ago: The Bethel P.T.A. sponsored the Harlem Globetrotters Show at the Gould Academy Field House.

A whist party was held at the Wilson's Mills town hall.

Rudolf Honkala was flying home from Antarctica.

Births: Barbara Jeanne Daley, Jane Elizabeth Austin.

Death: William B. Hall.

60 years ago: The Bethel School Committee voted not to accept the Gilead school students for the year 1949-50.

The first meeting of the "Oxford County Gem and Mineral Association" which was recently organized was held at the home of Dana B. Putnam, Rumford Corner.

Family

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hind him when the storm kicked up. Believing they were going in the right direction, Mr. Morancy decided to drive parallel to the shoreline in an effort to be safe.

"They ended up in the totally opposite direction," Sgt. Mills said.

What they couldn't see, according to Sgt. Mills, was that they were approaching open water where the Rapid River pours into the Umbagog Lake. Mr. Morancy fell through thin ice and into the water. Haley, noticing that her father had fallen through, sprung from her snowmobile as it broke into the water.

She fell in but landed close enough to the ice to easily get out of the water, Sgt. Mills said.

Mrs. Morancy did not go through the ice.

From the ice, Mrs. Morancy and her daughter shouted encouragements to Mr. Morancy to get out. He started to struggle and his family became frantic.

After several minutes, Mr. Morancy turned over onto his back to rest in the water, he told Sgt. Mills. His family, however, believed he was too tired to continue.

"You can just imagine what they were feeling," Sgt. Mills said.

Unwilling to give up, Mrs. Morancy took off her snowsuit and threw one end of it to her husband. Mr. Morancy grabbed hold of it, and Mrs. Morancy and Haley pulled him out of the water.

"He was extremely lucky that he got out," Sgt. Mills said. "It's a miracle. Just talking to him you can tell that Mr. Morancy appreciates that he survived because of a miracle."

With two people experiencing hypothermic symptoms,

the family got onboard Mrs. Morancy's snowmobile and started out in search of help. They traveled eight miles before they saw lights on at a camp owned by Marie and Ray Chabot on Carey Road in Roxbury.

The Chabots brought the three family members into their home, gave them dry clothes, warm food and offered them a place to sleep.

They called the Maine Warden Service at approximately 11:30 p.m. to report the snowmobile accident, informing Sgt. Mills that the family went through the ice, was able to get out and not in need of medical assistance.

"The Chabots told me that the Morancys would be spending the night and that they were feeling better," Sgt. Mills said.

Sgt. Mills said he was able to locate the Morancys' snowmobile tracks at approximately 5 a.m. and saw where the sleds went into the water.

"Mr. Morancy's helmet was still floating on top of the water," Sgt. Mills said.

Arrangements are being made to get the two snowmobiles out of the water.

The Maine Warden Service is warning people to be aware that ice is thinning on Maine's lakes and ponds.

Contributing to the thinning is runoff from melting snow, the past weekend's heavy rains and warmer temperatures.

Wardens are reminding snowmobilers to not drive near outlets because of open water there, to use caution in inlets and coves because of melting ice, and to ride at a reasonable speed in order to have ample time to stop if they come upon a hole in the ice.

Briefly

State foreclosures at record level

PORTRLAND—Maine (AP) — The number of homes in foreclosure in Maine has risen to a record level. According to a survey by the Mortgage Bankers Association, 2.36 percent of homes with mortgages in the state were in the process of being foreclosed on in the last three months of 2007. That's the highest level since the MBA began keeping records in 1979. By contrast, Maine's foreclosure rate hit 1.6 percent during the last quarter of 1992, the Maine economy's low point during the recession of the early 1990s. The MBA survey also showed that mortgage delinquencies have reached a record level, with 5.88 percent of Maine home loans past due. The new figures show that Maine, by most measures, is now faring worse than the national average during the nationwide mortgage crisis. The MBA says Maine has the eighth-highest foreclosure rate in the nation, while its delinquency rate is the 23rd highest. For subprime borrowers, delinquencies climbed 2.45 percentage points during the fourth quarter to 18.61 percent. At the same time, foreclosures on homes bought with subprime mortgages went up 2.09 percentage points to 11.26 percent. Non-prime mortgages — either subprime or Federal Housing Administration-backed mortgages — account for 17 percent of all mortgages in the state, the MBA said. Although foreclosures are expected to continue to increase at least through midyear, some homeowners with adjustable-rate mortgages may see some relief, said Anthony Armstrong, owner of Maine Home Mortgage Co. in Portland. Many such mortgages are tied to an international interest rate known as LIBOR, he said. That rate was 5.34 percent a year ago, but this week fell to 3.01 percent. The lower LIBOR rate means that people who are at the end of their teaser period should see less of a jump than they would have a year ago, Armstrong said. "That's a big factor here that's going to help," he said, but people who are behind on their payments may still be unable to get out of foreclosure.

DEP seeks input on Maine's waters

AUGUSTA—The Maine Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) wants feedback on its latest review of the health of Maine's lakes, streams, rivers, estuaries and coastal waters. Once the review receives final Environmental Protection Agency approval, the water quality ratings in the 2008 Integrated Water Quality Monitoring and Assessment Report help to determine planning and funding priorities for water quality improvements. The DEP is asking the public to comment on the draft report now posted on the Web at MaineDEP.com under keyword "305b." Comments become part of the public record and are printed in the final version of the report. The comment deadline is 5 p.m., March 31. "Feedback from the public on the accuracy of our evaluations is important to this process," says Dr. David Courtemanch, director of the DEP's Division of Environmental Assessment. "These assessments drive decisions as to how particular public waters will be managed into the future, and that's why we encourage citizens to review the ratings." The report, also known as the "305b Report," a requirement of the federal Clean Water Act, is a water quality snapshot. Prepared every two years, the public can look back to see if and how the assessment of their favorite lake or stream has changed. One section lists waters considered to be "impaired" due to problems that affect one or more officially assigned "uses" of the waterbody, such as recreation or fishing. "An 'impaired' listing can set into motion specific management activities designed to bring a water body back into full-use compliance," said Courtemanch.

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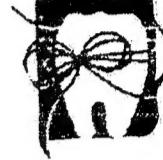
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE
WHEREAS, on September 4, 2007, a judgment of Foreclosure and Order of Sale was entered by the District Court, District Eleven, Division of Northern Oxford, in an action entitled Jordan Grand Condominium Owners Association v. Robin L. Delaney, under Docket No. RUM-RE-07-27, for the foreclosure of condominium association fees due from the said Robin L. Delaney to the Jordan Grand Condominium Owners Association said Judgment being recorded in the Oxford County Registry of Deeds in Book 4224, Page 317, and,
WHEREAS, the statutory ninety (90) day redemption period has elapsed without redemption by the said Defendant, her successors or assigns; NOW, THEREFORE, by order of and in execution of said Judgment of Foreclosure and order of Sale, notice is hereby given that there will be sold at public sale at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, April 4, 2008, at the office of John S. Jennes, Jr., Esq., at 23 Market Square, South Paris, Maine, all and singular the premises described in said Judgment, to wit:
Certain real estate located in the Town of Newry, County of Oxford and State of Maine, more particularly described as follows:
Use Period III in Unit 132/134 (the "Quarter Share Estate") at the Jordan Grand at Sunday River, A Condominium, a condominium established in accordance with the Maine Condominium Act, Chapter 31 of Title 33 of the Revised Statutes of Maine, 1964, as amended, and in accordance with the Maine statute regarding Time Share, Chapter 10-A of Title 33 of the Revised Statutes of Maine, 1964, as amended, together with said Quarter Share Estate's percentage interest and all other appurtenant rights in Common Elements and Limited Common Elements, all as more particularly described in the Declaration of Condominium, the Jordan Grand at Sunday River, A Condominium, Newry, Maine, dated December 17, 1997, and recorded in the Oxford County Registry of Deeds in Book 2507, Page 117 (the "Declaration"), and as delineated on the Plats and Plans of The Jordan Grand at Sunday River, A Condominium, recorded in said Registry of Deeds, Plan numbers 3085 through 3092.
Said Quarter Share Estate and appurtenances are conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all the terms, provisions, condition, restriction, easements, covenants, obligations, reservations and encumbrances contained or referred to in said Declaration and said Plats and Plans, all of which are incorporated herein, as the same may be amended or modified from time to time.
Being precisely the same premises conveyed to Robin L. Delaney by Warranty Deed of Grand Summit Resort Properties, Inc., dated January 16, 1998, which is recorded in the Oxford County Registry of Deeds in Book 2520, Page 16.

TERMS OF SALE: Pursuant to Title 14 M.R.S.A. §6323, the public sale shall be held not less than thirty (30) days nor more than forty-five (45) days after the first date of publication of this Notice. The Association shall sell the premises to the highest bidder at the public sale and deliver a deed of such sale to the purchaser, which deed shall convey the premises free and clear of all interest of the parties-in-interest joined in the action. The Association or any other party-in-interest may bid at the public sale. All bids are to be supported by 10% deposit, except for banks. All deposits are to be made either in cash or by certified check at the time of bidding. Closing on the sale shall occur within thirty (30) days of the date of the sale. All other terms are to be announced at the sale or may be obtained by contacting the Mortgagee at its place of business in Bethel, Maine, or the undersigned attorney for the Mortgagee.

DATED AT PARIS, MAINE, this 21st day of February, 2008.

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After town rejections
"I was floored," Owen said. "I had no idea anything like this was coming."

The check was a bright turnaround for a budget year which twice saw Town Meeting voters reject requests from the Fire Department for money to purchase a badly needed rescue vehicle.

In March, at the annual Town Meeting, the Fire Department sought \$225,000 to purchase a new rescue vehicle (a truck used to haul not only rescue equipment, but lighting, medical supplies, an electrical generator, manpower, as well as the CASCADIA air-tank refilling system, which is Greenwood's contribution to the multi-town Northern Oxford Mutual Aid Association.)

But voters balked at the \$225,000 figure, rejected the request and instructed the department return at a later meeting with a less costly proposal.

At a special Town Meeting five months later, the department did — this time requesting to spend \$75,000 for a 1992 truck available as surplus from a department in Maryland.

But again voters — many of them angered now by the results of the town's revaluation and its impact on their tax bills — rejected the spending.

At that point, the firefighters took matters into their own hands.

They launched a fundraising campaign, which included raffles, benefit dinner and car washes, eventually rais-

ing \$13,000.

In November, when a suitable, 1991 truck became available for \$18,000 from a department in Connecticut, the association borrowed the \$5,000 balance and purchased the vehicle.

While the fundraising had been underway, Town Manager Sparks decided to take a chance and write the King Foundation.

"I figured we had nothing to lose," she said this week.

But she regarded the letter as very much a long shot, and never thought to mention it to Owen.

The King Foundation's website describes its mission as follows:

"The Stephen and Tabitha King Foundation is a private non-profit organization that promotes strengthening and supporting communities and draws upon the values and spirituality of the founders. The Foundation has a special interest in organizations and people who have less recourse to usual channels of resources, focusing on community-based initiatives, especially in the State of Maine."

The Kings live in Bangor but also have a home in Lovell. David Goodwin, president of the Fireman's Association, said \$5,000 of the Kings' donation will be used to pay off the loan, with the balance put into the association's fund and used to purchase equipment for the truck.

"On behalf of the firefighters, I want to thank everyone who helped us with the fundraising," Goodwin said, "including the Kings."

Park

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hand-crank phone system.

The gazebo and sculpture would join an existing spruce tree and new flagpole.

"It's an incredible blue spruce," Whitman said of the tree.

Benches and plantings could also be added in one corner, he said.

To help finance the project, inscriptions on each bluestone square could be sold to individuals and businesses at

\$150 each, said Whitman.

"I think it's an exciting project to think about," said Town Manager Vern Maxfield.

"I love the idea," said selectman Ron Deegan. "It would be a nice way to bring the community together, and it would be aesthetic. I can envision Richard Felt's band there."

The board voted to authorize Maxfield to recruit members for an ad hoc committee to plan the project.

The Way I See It

by Sharon Bouchard

Finally, with the hour time change the clock on my car radio is showing the correct time. I have been driving around an hour ahead of the rest of the world since last October.

Being the techno-dope that I am it's always a challenge to try to figure out how to reset the time on my multi-buttoned car radio. I eventually figured it out with the last car I had, but this car is just too confusing. You have to push one button and pull out another and then push something else all at the same time. I have two hands and by my count that is one less than I need to reset the darn time. So, I just leave it alone and know that at least for half of the year I am in time with everyone else.

In spite of the lost hour, I really do like to have a little more daylight. If I were inclined to work outside during spring cleanup I would at least be able to do that. It's not likely to happen considering that even I don't get around to the spring-cleaning inside until some time in the fall, but it's nice to know I could work outside if I wanted to.

More than anything, I like the extra daylight because it's symbolic of the seasonal changes and warmer weather to come. Though, the recent storms might make one question that warmer weather notion.

I do remember when my children were little the time change was a bit surreal as far as bedtime was concerned. Bedtime

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the grant, with \$35,000 taken from the Fire Truck Account and the balance to be raised over a three-year period, beginning in 2009.

Another option, said Dixon, would be to raise \$45,000, appropriate the \$35,000 from the Fire Truck Account and approve the use of \$20,000 expected through the sale of the equipment to be replaced.

If the town approves the package, he said, the new vehicle would replace a second engine as well — a 1982 pumper that was purchased used. (For more on Dixon's reasoning on the issue, see his letter to the editor, Page 2.)

Another article proposes \$10,000 for the establishment

of an Emergency Fire Equipment Repair Account.

It would provide money in cases of major repair costs for problems that the firefighters themselves cannot fix, Dixon said.

Citizens will revisit raising \$25,000 for a town-wide property revaluation.

There is currently \$50,000 set aside for a revaluation, but voters last year defeated a request to add another \$25,000.

At Saturday's meeting residents will also address a citizen-initiated article that would require a vote at an annual Town Meeting to authorize or conduct a revaluation.

Another citizen-initiated article would require a freeze on all development or construction at the Grimaldi recre-

ational field until a committee can be formed to create an overall plan for future uses.

The Recreation Committee has had several projects planned, including baseball dugouts, electricity and lights, town officials said.

A third citizen-initiated article proposes that town employees share more in the payment of their health insurance premiums.

Currently the town pays 100 percent of premiums for employees who work at least 20 hours a week.

The proposal would see current employees pay 25 percent of future premium increases.

New full-time employees would pay 25 percent of the premium, and new part-time

employees 50 percent.

Selectmen also propose forming a committee to study employee benefits for the long-term.

The Town Meeting begins at 9 a.m. at Town Hall.

Elections

Elections for town officials will take place Tuesday from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Town Hall.

Selectman Laura Hutchins is up for re-election, and she will be opposed by Jessica Freeman and Susan Merrow, according to selectman Hope Peterson.

School director Phileena Chaisson will not seek another term.

Melissa Chase is running unopposed for the seat, Peterson said.

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Super Crossword

"Their Songs"

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The Bethel Citizen

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From the Bethel Police Log:

Monday, March 10

At 12:10 a.m. Officer Travis Fillmore took a report of harassment on the Intervale Road.

At 12:35 a.m. Officer Travis Fillmore responded to the Flat Road to assist Bethel Rescue with a medical call.

At 11:45 p.m. Officer Travis Fillmore stopped a vehicle on Mayville Road for a defect. Jeremy K. Vashaw, 35, was charged with operating after suspension.

Sunday, March 9

At 4:22 a.m. Officer Jeff Campbell responded to Newry to assist with an intoxicated juvenile while state police were en route.

At 5:55 p.m. Lt. S.R. White responded to the Flat Road for a report of flooding. The town crew was to be notified.

Saturday, March 8

At 3:10 a.m. on Church St. Officer Jeff Campbell summoned Tom Merrill and Spencer Glover, both 26 and of Bethel, for disorderly conduct. Heather Roderick, 26, of Newry was summoned for OUI.

At 9:20 a.m. Officer Rusty Daley responded to a fire scene on Eden Ridge to provide traffic control.

(Time not available) in West Bethel Officer George Gould observed a subject who had a warrant for his arrest. When advised of the warrant by the officer, the subject, Jordan Bennett, ran down the road and into the woods. He was not located. A second subject, Tony Bennett, 42, was arrested for hindering apprehension.

At 11:30 a.m. Officer Jeff Campbell responded to a Walkers Mill Rd. business for a report of flooding from a ditch, which proved to be on private property.

From the Oxford County Sheriff:

Saturday, March 8

At 7 p.m. Cpl. Brian Landis and Deputy Mike Halacy responded to Gilead to assist state police and BPD Officer George Gould in trying to locate a subject in the woods.

Friday, March 7

At 9:19 p.m. Sgt. Matt Baker and Dep. George Cayer responded to Vernon St. in Bethel to assist BPD Lt. S.R. White in evacuating buildings after an explosion.

At 9:26 p.m. Dep. George Cayer responded to the Grand Jordan Road for a property-damage accident.

Thursday, March 6

At 9:48 a.m. Dep. Josh Wyman responded to the Coombs Road in Newry for a report of damage done to a new home under construction.

At 10:38 p.m. Dep. George Cayer responded to Route 2 in Hanover for a rollover accident. The driver was taken to the hospital.

Wednesday, March 5

At 11 a.m. Sgt. Tim Holland responded to the Gilead Road in Gilead for a tractor trailer with an axle on fire. The Gilead Fire Department also responded.

Tuesday, March 4

At 7:28 a.m. Sgt. Tim Holland responded to the Bear River Road in Newry for a complaint that a subject with a no-contact order entered a residence to try to retrieve some items. Annette D. Bailey, 42, of Hanover was arrested.

At 11:13 p.m. Sgt. Tim Ontengco responded to the Sunday River Road in Bethel for an accident.

Bethel



by Donald G. Bennett

Snow and ice probably caused the Eden Ridge disaster. Heating oil prices jump again

with kerosene over \$4 per gallon. Olympia is still a popular weekend attraction. Less rain than threatened is welcome news.

Eden Ridge

Practically everyone by now has heard of the Friday night explosion and fire that destroyed Eden Ridge building number one at the crest of the condo neighborhood. And at this writing anyway, building number two is wounded but still standing — it has uncalculated damage at this point. Sunday while no one was around I ventured out to see what the disaster scene looked like. Building one is really gone except for one end and there is lots of debris lying on the snow — boards, insulation and the works. The building two's gable end, which faced the blast, is burned and gashed at the peak of the gable, but inside damage was beyond view. Steam was still escaping from the rubble.

Olympia stands proudly, the cranes and dignitaries have left

At the snow woman, crowds of sightseers were still coming. There is a safety fence around Olympia now to keep her fans from climbing into danger zones. Saturday noon about 15 or more cars had stopped along Lincoln Street and Sunday cars were bumper to bumper along Lincoln Street and a good number in Cross Street, some on the Parkway — well over a hundred visitors on the grounds.

If you are a Rudyard Kipling fan (who is he?) you might connect his writing with the post-

partum moment after snow woman's dedication. A stanza from Kipling's strident poem "Recessional" might fit the occasion.

"The tumult and the shouting dies; The captains and the kings depart; Still stands Thine ancient sacrifice, An humble and contrite heart, Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet, Lest we forget — lest we forget."

All in 40 Days Work

Perusing old census records this week (in search of Williams), I opened the records to Bethel's 1860 census. And who did this work? Broad Street travelers cannot miss noticing the Gideon Hastings House — but surprise G.A. Hastings really lived. He had the job of taking Bethel's census in 1860, the year that Bethel's population reached its high-water mark — a record that still stands.

Mr. Hastings began on June 2 and finished on July 12, 1860. He visited 477 dwellings and counted 474 families. Mr. Hastings was gifted with wonderfully clear handwriting.

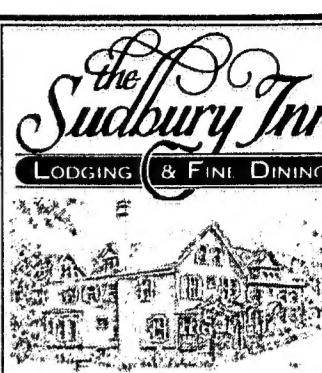
Newry's cultural evolution

and the former Williamson

farm land

Newry's Town Meeting last week had to deal with an article requested by John Amann and Doug Webster to wit allowing retail liquor sales in the town. Mr. Amann owns a new building on a lot which was years ago part of the Williamson homestead farm. Probably this spring, the Barking Dawg Market will open in the new building. It will be next to the Jack Frost Ski Shop. Both lots are either near or on the site of the former Williamson home.

Around 1821 two Williamson families of two generations — came to Bethel from Manor or Hamilton, Ireland — years before the potato famine there. By 1860, two families were living in Sunday River, one near the Monkey Brook Road and one about where the Jack Frost Ski Shop is; two families were living in Bethel at Middle Intervale. Ironically, the Williamson's former home town in



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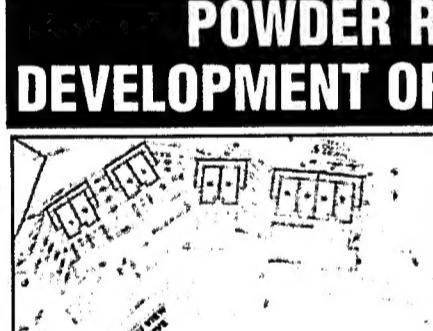
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Ireland is referred to now as a dormitory town — sound like Bethel?

William Williamson, 70 years old in 1960, had accumulated a house, barn, wagon shed, blacksmith shop and, later there was a cider press building, on the ground that holds the Jack Frost Ski Shop and a new building started last summer that will be the Barking Dawg Market. The new steel-framed building replaces a smaller New York Pizza building, which in turn had been Esther Williamson's camp. Her son Buster had built the camp about 1947. Nearby is another campsite known for many years as Hidden Acre which has been in the Grover family since 1937.

In 1924, Buster Williamson's family was burned out of their homestead residence and after finding a place to stay temporarily came back to "Hidden Acre" which their mother owned, and the family lived in a tiny hodgepodge kind of camp built by an earlier owner. The camp was home for a few years to two adults and three youngsters. Harry Williamson, the father, and a great-grandson of the first Williamson settler built a log cabin to give the family more living space. Later the family moved to Upton.

For many years, the very large pasture and hayfield east of the barn remained about the same as in farming days, only gradually did it fill in with the trees you see now. Hunters camped out in the barn waiting for deer to visit the apple trees next to it. And frequently the game warden visited them. Open pasture stretched almost to the Sunday River Road — maybe 50 acres in all. Sunday River's intense development in the 1980s probably shook the Williamson family, and in 1992 Buster, his wife, Virginia, and his sister, Phyllis, established a conservation easement so that 133 acres of the 146 total acres could not be developed. The property is placed in a tree growth tax category. Lacking any competitor now, it is like-

ly that the Barking Dawg will do well after it opens and more second homes with potential customers living in them come to shop. But someone else might drive by and think what a great idea, let's add another store of some sort next to the Barking Dawg. Hopefully, the Williamson heritage property with its natural scenic and open space values will be protected.

The Mixing Bowl Report

Heating oil and kerosene prices went up 10 cents a gallon on Friday. Heating oil is now at \$3.749 a gallon and by the time you read this it may be higher. Kerosene is \$4.099 a gallon.

Saturday's rain left only one and seven-eights inches instead of the threatened four-plus inches amount. We finally woke up to the fact that the Finished Line Pizza had crossed its finish line and now if you stop for a pizza it will be a "Homeslice" one.

Sunday afternoon's traffic going south on Route 26 was about as heavy as it ever gets. If you have news for the Bethel column please e-mail it to Donald@thebetheljournals.info or donaldbe@roadrunner.com or call 824-2094 or even mail it to PO Box 763 in Bethel.

West Bethel



by Lorrie Hoeh

As of last Wednesday, the snow pack was down about 9 inches. (But

there's still more than 40 inches on the ground!) Over this past weekend, the huge storm that was predicted resulted in 1.8 inches of rain, and thankfully, a mere dusting of snow. It seems that many of our storms this winter have been overestimated, and in most cases that was a good thing. Goodness knows we have had more than enough snow. As I write this, we are just one inch from surpassing the

Hochschild record for snow in one season (142 inches), and another month and a half of potential snowfall remains.

The blue jays seem to be returning. On Saturday I saw four of them eating the cracked corn that Mike puts out for the turkeys. We haven't seen our two big tom turkeys for some time, but a couple of small flocks do come by every few days.

Yesterday, March 12, the Senior Citizens gathered at the Serendipity Café for lunch and a meeting. If the food was at all typical, the group had a fine meal.

Maddie Costello is still progressing very well. Her grandma, Lisa Pivin, was down in Portland on Sunday visiting Maddie and her mom, Annie. One of these days, I hope to see a picture of the little doll.

I received an e-mail from Deborah Doyle of the Ingleside Child Care Center. Here is what she had to say:

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If you access them directly through the links in this e-mail, Ingleside will not reap the benefits of your purchases.) Ingleside's Book Fair will end Friday, March 14, so hurry to the website now to give yourself and the children at Ingleside great reading materials!"

I'm a bit short on news this week and hope to do better next time. I would love to hear from you, especially by e-mail: dhoeh@megalink.net. Tell me what you're doing to survive the snowdrifts.

East Bethel

by Nancy Mercer

More sad news: Florence Hastings passed away on March 5. Vickie Wilson, Esther Wilson's stepdaughter visited Esther on March 8 and 9. She is from Portland.

Millie Jackson will be celebrating her birthday on March 27.

Several people in the area heard the big explosion on the 7th. I just thought it was snow coming off the backside of the house.

Millie Jackson attended a birthday party on March 9 for Kelsey Jewell of South Paris and Hannah Mikool of Poland at Hannah's home in Poland.

If you have news, give me a ring at 824-3350. God Bless the Troops.

Gilead

by Lin Chapman

We remembered to set the clocks ahead this past weekend.

My computer did not, so I had to do it manually. The weekend brought all sorts of winter weather. There was some snow mixed in with a little sleet and rain. Sunday morning started out with some snow showers and the wind that had been blowing most of the night. By 10 a.m. the wind was still blowing strong, but the sun had come out for brief periods of time.

Again on a Wednesday (March 5) a storm rolled in and SAD44 closed due to the really bad conditions. Another good call. About mid-morning, Hugh noticed a truck on Route 2 across from our house that seemed to be having a problem. As he mentioned that there was smoke coming from the trailer, the Gilead Fire Department was toning out to a truck on fire in Gilead.

The truck was hauling cars that were headed for the auction. The GFD responded, secured the scene and put out the flames. Traffic was stopped for a brief time, since getting around the truck was dangerous until the fire was under control.

The March meeting of the Gildead Comprehensive Planning Committee will be held on Tuesday, March 18, in the Town Office. The meeting will start at 7 p.m. and is open to the public. The committee will be reviewing information from the Public Forum.

Gilead Historical Society

This is a reminder that the first planning meeting for the GHS will be held on March 29 at 1 p.m. at the Town Hall. We will need a lot of support to be able to continue to offer the Friends and Family Day event in June. The date for this year is June 21 and it will be an all-day event and centered around the Town Hall and Municipal Building.

Got any news? Call 836-2987 or e-mail chapmai@hotmail.com.

Upton

by Laurie Brown

It's beginning to feel a tad bit like spring, even though snow flurries

are predicted for several days this week. Mud season will probably not be run-of-the-mill.

It's my opinion that Maine's citizens are taxed in similar ways to that of the folks Robin Hood hid in Sherwood Forest to protect from Prince John's unjust taxation. Without a Sherwood Forest to hide in, our only recourse is our vote. Yet, since the '80s we've continually voted into offices in Augusta people with the same goal of "sockin' it to us." Although that in and of itself is depressing.

Town Meeting

The annual Town Meeting will be held on March 29 at 7 p.m. at the Town Hall. Town officers that need to be elected this year are a selectmen's position and a member of the School Board. Both of these are elected for three-year terms.

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\$216 considered taxable property. Imagine if we were still taxed for radios, CD players, televisions, computers and the like along with our current unscrupulous taxes!

Andre and Flossie Bernier of Locke Mills and their 2-1/2 year-old granddaughter, Alexandra of Cameron, S.C., visited with Joe and Penny and Bob and I on Sunday. It was great visiting with the adults, but it was enthralling visiting with Alexandra. I'm glad they shared her even though they don't get to see her as often as they'd like. I admit it; I'm envious of all my siblings. In July, when Joe's and Penny's granddaughter arrives, I'll be the only one without a grand-baby to coddle. Congratulations to Neil and Krystal! I'll certainly be willing to help Joe and Penny mollycoddle her if they need it! And if they don't!

Bob Anderson is home and doing well after suffering a heart attack at work. Take it easy, Bob!

Albert Morancy from Dover, N.H., attributed Ray, at the Sugar Shack, for saving his life. His snowmobile went in the Rapid River on Umbagog Lake. His wife assisted him in getting out of the water where he was completely immersed, and they spent the night at the Sugar Shack. According to Albert, he could feel the currents in the water. It's that time of year when we all need to exercise caution on the waters, or should I say ice.

See you at Town Meeting. Selah.

Andover

by Melinda Averill

Hello Andover friends! Doesn't it seem nice to have it light out after sup-

ertime. We are certainly headed for better months.

Welcome to new Andover residents, Bob and Dee Nadeau and family, who moved into their brand new home last week. Dee (Fields) actually grew up in Andover, and her new home is near where she used to live, near the airport road, and Route 5. It's kind of hard to see it right now, with the huge snowbanks we have.

As many of you know, this is — Town Meeting weekend. Saturday morning starting at 9 a.m. Please remember to bring your Town Report with you, as there aren't many extras to be had. The meeting

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will take a lunch break, usually around 11:30 a.m. This year the Service Circle will be holding a luncheon downstairs (for those that don't want to leave the comfort of the hall). Soups, chowders, muffins, dessert, and drinks will be \$5.

As many of you have probably heard, Bob Hutchins, who has been Andover Fire Department's Assistant Fire Chief, has officially stepped down, as of the first of the year. Bob has been involved with the Fire Department for a lot of years; he can recall back when he was 14 (which is a freshman by today's standards) going to fires. Because he was too young to drive at the time, he can remember being picked up by Art Whitten's father, Arthur Whitten, Sr. Bob has served as assistant chief for 40-plus years, and even though he has stepped down, he will still be involved with the department, as safety officer. Thank you for your years of reliability and dedication Bobby.

Get well wishes to Richard, "Dick" Johnston, who has been in the hospital recently. Dick and his wife, Polly, are former Andover residents, (living in the purple house) and now reside in Spanaway, Wash. They have many friends in Andover.

Mark your calendars for Thursday, March 20, to see The Best of America by Horseback (from when they were in Andover last fall). On dish network, it will be shown at 1:30 p.m. and 11:30 p.m. then again on Saturday, March 22, at 12:30 a.m.

Happy birthday wishes this week to Noah McCurdy on Saturday, March 15th; Jenna-Lee Putnam on the 16th; Ricky Kneeland on the 18th; and Elek Pew on the 18th.

The annual Easter Egg Hunt is Saturday, March 22, starting at 9 a.m. at Mills Market. It will be interesting to see what the Easter Bunny does with all of this snow!

If you've been to the Transfer Station, you may have noticed the reduced access to the furniture, wood and metal piles. The town is working to do more clean-up and snow removal to regain access, so we appreciate your patience. The new punch passes will be arriving in your mailbox shortly. Instructions on using it are included in the packet. The Transfer Station employees, committee volunteers and the Town Office can help answer questions.

Andover's registered voters — don't forget to vote on Tuesday evening, March 18, from 4

to 8 p.m. We will be choosing a selectman, one opening for a three-year term, and school board director, one opening for a three-year term. If you're not going to be around, you can go to the town office and receive an absentee ballot.

Have a nice weekend.

East Andover

by Joan Stinson-Carney
Please don't forget that this Saturday, March 15, is Town Meet-

ing Day. The meeting starts at 9 a.m. You had better bring the copy of the Town Report that you received in the mail, because there are no extras. There are 72 articles to discuss and vote on, so be prepared to be there a while. Sleeping bags are optional. The Andover Service Circle will be serving lunch, and believe me that's always a good meal.

Elections will be held on Tuesday, March 18, at the Town Hall between the hours of 4 and 8 p.m. Voters will vote to elect a selectman, assessor, and overseer of the poor for a three-year term. There are three candidates running for this position. Laura Hutchins, Jessica Freeman and Susan Merrow. Melissa Bailey Chase is the only candidate running for the three-year term for SAD44 School Board director.

I want to wish everybody, Irish or not, a really great St. Paddy's Day on Monday, March 17. Saint Patrick is mainly remembered for driving all the snakes out of Ireland; do you think we could get him to come to Andover and drive out all the snakes that live here? When I was young, I stepped on a green snake in my bare feet, and since then I have had a phobia about them.

I don't know how true this is, but I believe it. Andover has broken its record for the total amount of snowfall this winter, and we still have a

few more weeks to go before we can safely bid farewell to the white stuff. Our neighbor Mike Dixon's garage roof collapsed because of the weight of snow that was on it. Thank heaven no one was hurt!

Gerry and Bill Kelley have returned from a wonderful trip to Florida. The weather was great and the temperature was in the 80s. I'm trying very, very hard not to be jealous.

Philena and David Chassion have returned from a trip to the Grand Canyon, and they weren't so lucky. Believe it or not there was snow there, but they had a good time anyway.

The Recipe for the Week is Clam Dip. You will need 2 eight-ounce packages of cream cheese softened. Juice of one lemon, 1/2 cup of mayonnaise, 2 teaspoons of Worcestershire Sauce, 1 tablespoon of prepared mustard, 8 green onions with tops minced, 2 cans of minced clams, drained, and salt and pepper to taste. Combine all ingredients. Mix in a blender or with a fork until smooth. Chill in the refrigerator until ready to serve. Serve with potato chips or crackers. Makes one quart.

I want to thank everybody who came to the Open House we had Sunday for Laura Hutchins, and especially the people who made all the wonderful goodies.

See ya.

Hanover

by Clem Worcester

The Hanover Planning Board met on Wednesday, March 5. The board continued the review of the proposed Shoreland Zone Ordinance. There were no issues or applications to come before the board for discussion.

The Hanover Select Board is scheduled to meet on Tuesday, March 18, at the Hanover Town Office. The Hanover Comprehensive Plan Com-

mittee will meet on Wednesday, March 19. Both meetings will begin at 6 p.m.

The twin girls, Makala and Shawnee Worcester, have been discharged from the Franklin Memorial Hospital and are now home.

Hanover residents reported hearing an explosion last Friday at the time of the condominium explosion in Bethel. That incident was 12 miles or more away from Hanover.

The Knights of Pythias John F. Burton Memorial Bowling Tournament was at Oxford Lanes in Rumford on Sunday, March 9. Seven teams from around Maine converged on the bowling alley for an enjoyable day of bowling and a delicious roast turkey banquet served by the Candlepin Café. The first-place winner was Cabot Team Two from Cabot Lodge in Andover. Accepting the trophy was Grand Chancellor Freeman Farington. Others on the team were Clem Worcester, Spencer Couture, Bob Morton and Ernie Rice. The second-place team was Cabot Team one, also from Cabot Lodge of Andover. Accepting the second place trophy was the captain, Craig Turner and team members Orville Meisner, Keith Farrington, Dale McKay and David White. The high string was 124, achieved by Ernie Rice of Steuben.

Hanover Deputy Clerk Kelly Harrington has returned from a fun-filled vacation with her family, Keith, Victoria and Cory, along with some friends, in Florida. She was surprised upon returning to work to find more snow than when she left and the Town Office windows completely obscured by the deep snow. One day a small mole was observed climbing the accumulated snow that is packed next to the office window. Joan Tucker has been visit-

ing her daughter in Windham for a few days..

Greenwood City
by Wayne Hakala


Sure is a typical March day. Wind is a howling and

sure feels cold. I've been happy to just putter inside today. You know that Honey-do list! Then I sat down to watch the race and was kept awake by the scanner traffic. There was a head-on crash on Route 26 in Woodstock that involved a car dodging an ice shack that fell from a vehicle. Many responders were involved and the road closed for a while. Course it would have to be about the time the skiers head home.

Been an interesting week. We held the first informational meeting on Pay-Pay-Bag. Very interesting comments were voiced that pleased me. I'm sure that if these attendees stand up and voice these comments that Greenwood and Woodstock will become much better at recycling. There will be another meeting on March 19 at the Woodstock Town Office. Time is 7 p.m. Be there or be square.

I was blessed with a call from Jane Chandler. Jane is looking for support in the project to acquire the Buck's Ledge property. And I'm sure that many people have viewed this parcel from the Greenwood Shores Rest Area and the drive along Route 26. I have viewed this numerous times and each time is a treat. Jane's group is trying to preserve this parcel for the town of Woodstock. The acreage

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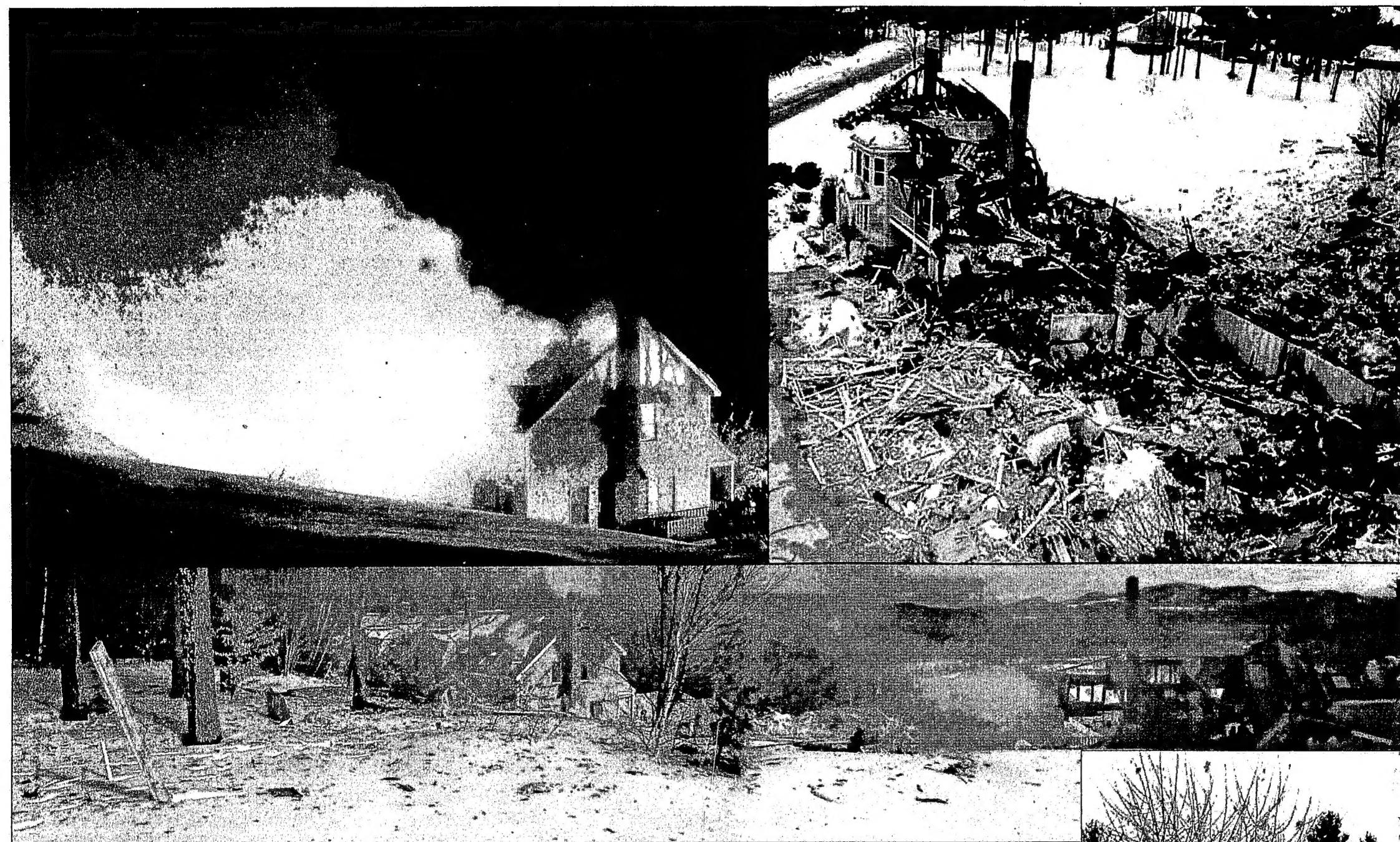
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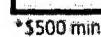
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Clockwise, from top left: Fire burns a six-unit condo (as seen from behind the building) Friday night after a propane explosion; an aerial view the next day; debris scattered on the hillside behind the building; insulation blown from the building creates, in the words of a neighbor, a "cotton candy tree." Firefighters were unable to shut off two of three propane tanks for several hours because they were buried in debris.

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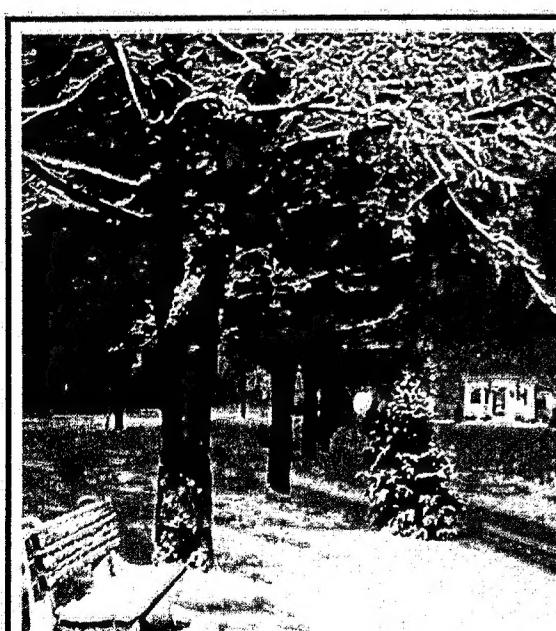
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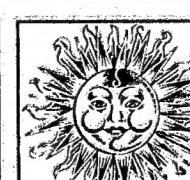
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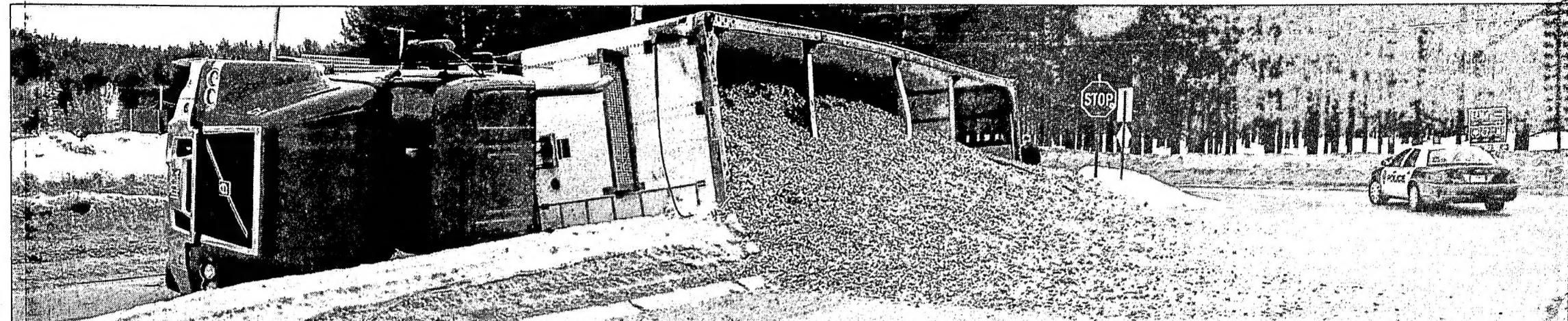
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Calls

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MISADVENTURES SPILL INTO WORK WEEK—A weekend of accidents that included a condominium fire/explosion in Bethel and a head-on car crash in Woodstock stretched into Monday morning, when a Mid-West Price chip truck overturned at the corner of Route 26 and Parkway in Bethel. Driver Rodney Shackley, 55, of Oxford was not injured when his truck rolled as he made the turn onto Parkway. Top, Bethel Police Chief Alan Carr arrives at the scene just after the accident. Right, after the chips were removed to another truck, cables from two large tow trucks pulled in opposite directions and at an angle to right the rig. The Parkway was closed for approximately six hours, with the Bethel Fire Department providing traffic control. (Photos: top, M. Daniels; right, A. Aloisio)

Newry also reported hearing it.

Because of the heavy snowfall this winter, many people thought their own roofs or decks had collapsed.

The Fire Marshal's Office concluded that an unusual sequence of events led to the explosion: a steep snowbank had been created when the condo roof was shoveled, and a large chunk of ice was believed to have fallen from the roof Friday night and slid down between the snow pile and building, shearing off the propane line regulator. The gas then leaked into the building.

Fire departments from Bethel, Greenwood, Woodstock, Newry, Gilead, Andover and West Paris responded to the fire or provided station coverage.

Also responding were Bethel Rescue, Med-Care, county dep-

ties and state police.

(See letter to the editor from Eden Ridge Homeowners, Page 2.)

Two-vehicle car accident

On Sunday afternoon, a head-on car crash on Route 26 in Woodstock injured four people, including two from the Bethel area.

Richard Tyler, 63, of Bethel was driving southbound near the Felt Road with his passenger, Muriel Knightly, 60, of West Paris.

On the side of the road off the northbound lane, Douglas Bennett of Bryant Pond had pulled over in his pickup. He was hauling an ice shack on a trailer, and the wind had blown it off.

Traveling northbound was Edward Miller, 61, of Mexico and his wife, Bonnie, 60. Miller swerved around the pickup/trailer and another car

that had pulled over. The Miller and Tyler vehicles collided.

The Millers and Knightly were taken to Stephens Memorial Hospital. Tyler was LifeFlighted to Central Maine Medical Center in Lewiston with extensive leg injuries. He underwent surgery there.

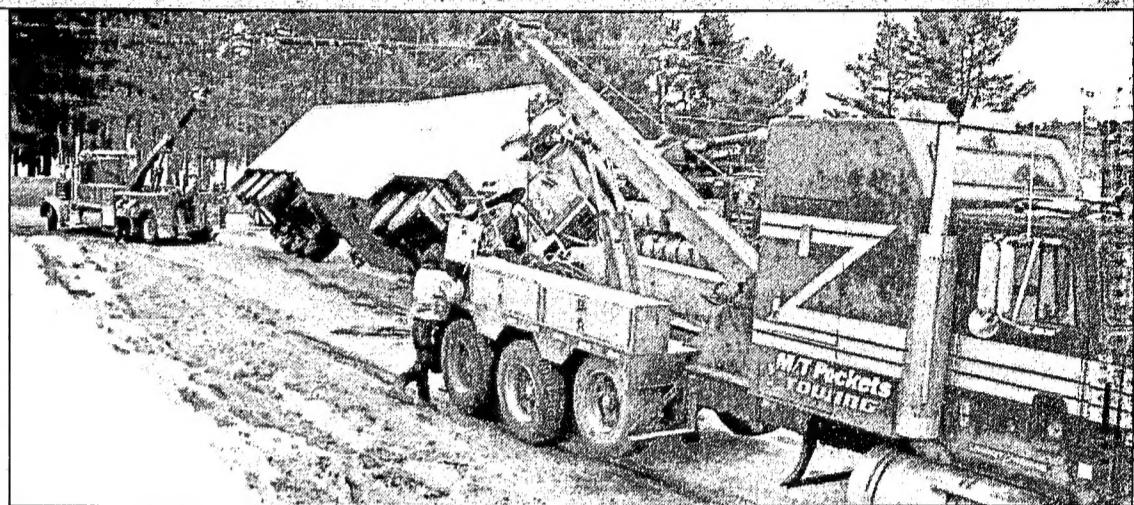
Chip truck rollover

On Monday morning at about 8 a.m., a chip truck from Mid-West Price rolled over as it turned from Route 26 on to the Parkway in Bethel.

The driver, Rodney Shackley, 55, of Oxford, was not injured.

But the truck and the spilled chips blocked the intersection for the next six hours as the chips were loaded onto another truck and the overturned truck was righted.

The Bethel Fire Department helped police in directing traffic during that time.



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FURNITURE INCLUDES Good Farmington Maine Rocker with Daniel Stewart label, Small size Pembroke d/l table with slayed legs, Nice 2 door raised panel cupboard, 2 good stenciled Pine Victorian Bedroom sets, Good Stick and Ball wicker oak table, Nice Bamboo style Bookcase, Good sheraton style dressing table with shaped fronts and splash/Windsor side chair.

Mission and VICTORIAN Includes Nice tall Mission bookcase/Bar see pics, Good Mission Game Table, Table with splined top, Rd Mission oak table, Nice Mission Rocker, Good 28" round oak stand all pegged, Stickley Nursing Rocker in great finish, Large Oak stand with large Ball and Claw glass feet, Round Oak stand with large Glass talon feet, Good ball and claw foot wingchair, Small size oak ice box nice finish, Good small size fancy oak stand, Nice clean Oak larkin desk with mirror, Good dbl bank Oak Roll-top desk in like new condition, Nice tall Oak doctors cabinet with beveled mirror.

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Paintings Include, Good oil on canvas of Ships signed hanley listed artist, Lg Watercolor Oracle Mtns Arizona signed Gerry Pierce listed artist, Good Maxfield Parrish Print ROMANCE see pics, Good litho of Presidents, large Wallace Nutting, Burrows, Yard long colorful Nursey Rhymes, 3- good Bear Prints 2 signed Ralph Crosby Smith.

Jewelry Includes Good large 14kt cameo with diamond, 18KT White gold ring with 3 diamonds, Several sterling and gold items, pocket watches, Men and woman Diamonds, Lot of estate 14k gold rings, Gold Thimble, Lots of Estate Jewelry in this auction. And for more see auction zip pics. Hamilton 14kt Gold pocket watch in original case running great,

TOYS INCLUDE Good Unique art Dogpatch band clean, Toonerville trolley by Fox, Arnold boat original box, Gay 90s bike toy original box, Clean Marx old jalopy, Rare 1928 Football game with lead players WITRO CO NY IN BOX, Rare Hustler early tin football game in nice graphics box, Steiff cat?, Jointed Bear, Painted Bank, Marble games, Golf game, Maine Estate Bear, Kingsbury fire engine, wind up plane, Early Donald Duck ring, and more

MARBLES INCLUDE A nice lot of fresh to the market Marbles all from 1 Northern NH home see. www.auctionzip.com for 150 photos of these marbles. Should be about 60 lots. This lot of marbles is divided into lots large enough to keep them interesting. However come early and go through the lots as I am sure we have some great marbles in some of these lots, having very limited knowledge on marbles there will be surprises.

CLOCKS INCLUDE Good Oak Waterbury 43 1/2 inch weight driven wall clock, Arthur Pequegnat Calendar oak wall clock in great finish, Smaller 19" Pequegnat oak wall clock, Lg Novelty figural New Haven clock, Mission oak advertising wall clock Luther Grinders, and more

Paper Includes Wonderful Post Card Album with about 189 Santas all different best Album we have seen, 74 Postcards all Black related in 2 lots, 64 Maine postcards, 118 Very nice aast holiday cards lots embossed, Great colorful Park Davis Ad western scene, 4 Good trade card albums, Halloween items, Stereo Cards, Nice Lewiston Maine Embossed Advertising, See Auction Zip for tons of pics.

Misc Includes Wonderful Arts and Crafts style lamp Handel?, Good Oldsmobile Porcelin 2 sided sign, Good Berliner Phonograph Porcelain sign, German Helmet, Rare Ottman Bros Dough Bowl stoneware, Good Black Forest Carved Inkwell, Baneda Roseville, Majolica Parrot, 2 nice size Iorn safes, 2 Civil War Era ear trumpets, Trammels dated 1830, Early Iorn items, Nice lot of Bamboo Flyrods Including Orvis, JC Higgins, unsigned Rod made in Mass super High quality, Rod signed J.G. LANDMAN BROOKLYN NY, And others nice lot, Wonderful Mini Village lot of folksy small scale wooden building and more started in 1947 Made in Maine great for train collector, Ricker family Masonic box and items, Nippon bowl, Deco Style woman, Painted Shoe Fly horse, Red Bucket, Red tool Carrier, Sweet cuba tin, Good Vermont Blue churn, Maine Indian Snow shoes, Wooden skis, 3 Singer featherweight sewing machines, Good Noritake dinner service, Nice line level in case complete COOKE, TOUGHTON, AND SIMM, ORIENTAL RUG, Becker Gold scale, Early box of old coins, Wonderful Lamp Vase signed FRAUREUTH GERMANY ARTIST JENNY NELSEN 1926, Cast iron still bank with dog finial great color, Advertising slates Box, Nice old Lefever dbl barrel shotgun, Richland Blk powder gun dbl Barrell, Other antique rifle, Early Capidomonte figure 16" tall, Watling Good fortune scale with mirror, Rare Red and Gold Edison Gem with horn, Edison Standard player with large horn, Blue and White enameled iron tea pot signed Davidson NY, Super 2 piece Jardinere in Matt Green, Nice Oak Clarks spool cabinet, Colored fairy lamp dated 1896, 3- good Victorian castor sets, Perko lamp, Nice Weller Vase, Vintage Hatchet Marked L.L. Bean, Quilts, Good Victorian pickle castor, large set of Dramatic works of William Shakespeare Illustrated 1850, Many unadvertised items still coming in as we are writing ad very early due to Storm after Storm here in Maine.

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"At first I thought the roof had failed due to the snow load. I never really heard the explosion.

"At first I couldn't move due to the debris, but after wiggling around I was able to get my hands and arms free, and then moved the debris off the rest of me.

"I looked over my shoulder after I was able to get out of the bed and saw the fire in what was left of the unit next door.

"Seeing the fire, my motivation to get out then increased rather dramatically.

"I then went into the hallway and crawled down to the main level of my unit.

"By then I was thinking that there was too much debris for this to have been related to

my roof, but I just kept crawling down to the front door.

"The only time I did get confused a bit was when I got to where I remembered where the front door was and it wasn't there.

"I saw a police officer outside, which helped me get reoriented, but since all I had on was underwear I went to the lower level closet to find some clothes.

"Unfortunately for me all I could find was boots, a sweatshirt, and a jacket.

"I went back up the stairs and the officer had me jump on his back to get down the stairs as I didn't have time to put the boots on.

"A gentleman then helped me into his pickup truck so I could keep warm.

"By then my neck had begun to hurt, which was probably caused by whiplash from the explosion.

"Bethel Rescue then took me to Stephens Memorial Hospital, where I was cared for by Dr. Douglas and stayed overnight for observation due to the trauma I had been through."

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I can see what people have been complaining about all winter. I think Norway forgot how to maintain roads this year. People have been telling me that from the Greenwood line down to Route 118 is terrible. I went down that road Friday and was amazed at what conditions are through Norway. One spot is just one travel lane, because someone has been pushing all their snow across the road. I guess that big bad Mack isn't so big and bad after all. Sure can't push snow back anyways. Could it be the fellow that steers? I'm sure we have good operators here in Greenwood! I'm going to start by-passing all Norway businesses until the town of Norway repairs their section of the Greenwood Road. I'd encourage others to do likewise. I'm sick and tired of pounding my vehicles down through there. So if any businesses are interested in keeping Greenwood residents' business, they might want to complain to their Town Manager.

I transferred my Legion membership to Post 68 this past Thursday evening. Anita was going to transfer her membership, but Olive didn't have a transfer slip with her. So I'm sure there will be one for Anita in jig shape. We have belonged at Post 150 for years due to the love and respect for Anita's father, Warren Pierce. But it's time we belonged here at home.

Anita tells me that a number of donations have come in to the Post 68 Auxiliary in remembrance of Leah. Now all of

these donations will be going into the kitchen in one form or another. Leah was instrumental in building the kitchen that is there now and it is time for some improvements or additions. I'm sure whatever it is will be a grand tribute to Leah.

I hear that Vance Bacon of Ledgeview is visiting friends in sunny Florida. Vance is reported to be out walking each day and enjoying the fine weather. Plus seeing all the snowbirds from the area is always good. I sent a reply back to make sure Vance received a big hug from Anita. Vance always loves a good hug.

We had the Hughes network installed for Internet service this past Thursday. Plus young Timmy adjusted the Dish Network dish, as the frost had decided to move it a bit. I'm much happier now and Anita is quiet as she hasn't had to wonder about watching her races. I will be checking in at Arsenault's Satellite TV when we do purchase a High Definition TV set after a bit. Both Timmy, who is Dennis Arsenault's son-in-law, and Dennis gave me a lot of good information. I have been impressed with their work and service.

Good thing you moved your business to South Paris, Dennis. I'm by-passing Norway.

Gary and Sheila from Hebron Pines are headed for sunny weather. Sheila tells me that they just have to learn how to walk on green grass again and play a little golf. Gary is Anita's cousin from the Kyllonen side. Bet Gary does more heavy looking on rather than chasing a little white ball around.

Years ago when we were stationed at Westover AFB in Massachusetts, the facility was going to have its annual golf tournament. Don and I decided we were going to play in that tourney so we wouldn't have to stay inside the facil-

ity and miss a day of sun. Well we rented a set of clubs from Rec. Services and proceeded to the nearest driving range for some much-needed practice. Needless to say we had people running for cover as the balls just didn't want to go where we wanted them to go. After several practice sections we felt like we could take on the world players. As you can imagine, the big day of the tourney arrives and who was we matched up with, but the Commander himself. Needless to say the Colonel was a bit taken back when I showed up with my favorite driver. My driver of choice is a 36-inch pipe wrench. Got to remember that those plumbers do maintain pipelines out around golf courses at each Air Force patch. Well the Colonel figured there was no way I could swing that big old wrench. He should not have bet me any beer on that. That ball was crushed into its next life and couldn't roll after that swing. A wicked good day was had until the usual downpour came thru.

Time to practice smiling. Got to have it down pat for the upcoming meetings. Have to make some people wonder what I'm up to. See you next week with a big ol' smile.

Newry



by Sylvia Harrington

Friday evening at 9:15, 12 miles from the Bethel, Eden Ridge

explosion, my house on Route 26 felt it. I had no idea what had happened until Mark called me. I thought perhaps it was an earthquake. My neighbor told me that he also heard and felt it.

It's now Saturday evening

and I expect to hear the ice slide off my roof as the rain loosens it. It was around 1 a.m. when it let go. The noise woke me. What a mess out front when I saw the bits and large pieces on Sunday morning. There is still more up there, but the bulk of it is down on the surface of snow.

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Copies of the Newry Town Report are ready and can be obtained from the Town Office, Bear River Trading Post, or at the Newry Post Office.

Bryant Pond



by Alice Hoyt
News from Mrs. Niebler: Went to visit Ruth Feeney with other friends

at her home. Ruth is recovering from knee surgery. Dot Cushman, Ellie Jodrey, Babe Bartlett, and Nancy Willard and Mary — both sisters of Ruth. She looked great and is walking very well.

Full moon and eclipse recently. Did not get to see it but did see the very full moon.

Nancy Cushman just returned from a trip to the Daytona 500. We watched the race and even in the last few days you never knew who was going to win.

Tom Gaudreau made his famous chili for his house company.

New bakery in town and also coffee served at the Feeding Frenzy on Main Street.

Now that we had all that snow, rain and sleet, every yard and parking lot is an ice-skating rink. Amy and Abby Landry were skating on the pond. Also Russell Cushman was practicing hockey there.

Karen and Sid Yarasitis just came back from Colorado.

Althea Hathaway is still coming from the Oxford Road to work on Saturday mornings. He had his faithful dog Buddy with him.

Went to see the dedication of the Olympia SnowWoman in Bethel. They had a good cere-

mony and quite a few people came. Some of the children from Woodstock school came and had their picture taken standing in front of the SnowWoman. They had taken part in making an accessory for the 122-foot woman.

Everyone you talk to, even skiers and snowmobilers have had enough snow, because we all have to drive in storms and have to shovel, and even change our plans sometimes. So we have all had enough.

Don't forget in the paper Breau's II has coupons that are different every week.

The Stewarts (Henry) visited Guatemala.

Services at the Baptist Church are Sunday school at 9:15 a.m., morning worship at 10:30 a.m., choir practice at 5 p.m., evening service at 6 p.m. Wednesday evening at 6:30 is prayer meeting; Friday evening at 6:30 is youth group. Saturday at 9 a.m. is men's Bible study.

The Woodstock Extension will meet at the Town Annex on Wednesday, March 19. Meeting will be about Hawaii with potluck dinner. Time is 12 noon.

Library News: Marta Clements will be leading a discussion of the One Book One Community selection, "Here If You Need Me", by Kate Braestrup, on Thursday, March 13 (today) at 2 p.m. Everyone is welcome at no charge and light refreshments will be served. This is at the Whitman Memorial Library.

The Woodstock-Greenwood Senior Citizens met at Ledgeview Living Center, West Paris, on Thursday, March 6, for a meeting, program and delicious dinner. Sheriff Wayne Gallant spoke on ways to protect your home and property. It was very interesting. Next meeting is at the Grange Hall on April 3. Dinner by the Daughters of Union Veterans and program by Mary Ellen Therriault from Community

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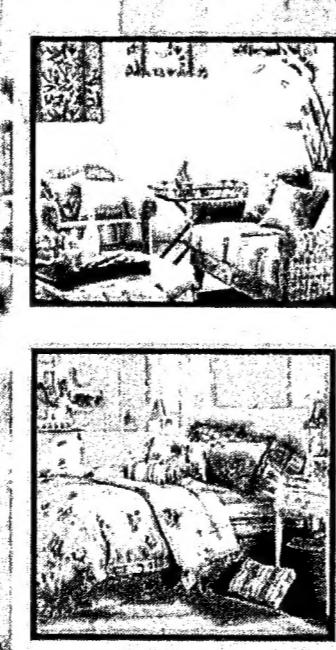
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MEETING OF THE MINDS (?)

It is clear that, as an amateur politician, I have much to learn from Mike Michaud. The man has been rotating in political circles for nearly thirty years and is well-known as an energetic campaigner.

So I drove on down to the University of Maine at Machias to see how an habitual and professional politician performs. This turned out to be a two-fer, since Mike was showing Rep. Tom Allen around the second district.

The first step in my investigation was to intercept Mike coming off the food line in the cafeteria and introduce myself. I was treated to a winsome smile and a firm handshake, which I found a little discouraging. I can do the handshake all right, but it takes decades of cordial smirking at every passing voter to perfect a smile of such robotic radiance. It's just not in me.

Next the East Millinocket Mastermind engaged a bunch of students around a table in amiable conversation while two or three of his hired hands busied themselves with their cameras. The 'photo-op' done, he left the other students in the cafeteria to eat their lunch in peace. No point in wasting time on them. Students are notoriously lax about voting.

Turning to the assembled adults, the two representatives announced that their entourage was handing out little slips of paper so that members of the audience could write down suggestions for conducting the affairs of our great Republic. A nice gimmick, the sort of thing that political consultants are paid large sums for devising. I couldn't make out if anyone actually passed one of those slips back for recycling in some convenient paper bin, but it was a slick ploy all the same. Shows the boys are really interested.

Then on to the main event — a question and answer session with the voters. Nearly as I could make out the 'questions' were nearly all statements of kind or another. Not that this mattered; the 'answers' were all prepared, pre-cooked and canned months, even years, ago. You'd find more spontaneity in a Chinese opera. The usual villains (Big Oil, Big Pharma, etc.) were trotted out. Bush was bashed. Rep. Allen touted a scheme for the federal government to take charge of raising children from birth to age five. Rep. Michaud boasted about this grand plan for bringing prosperity to northern Maine — 5 years in the making, with no end in sight. Mike explained his endorsement of John Edwards (he understands the complexities of the global economy and \$400 haircuts because his father worked in a textile mill). Tom explained his endorsement of St. Hillary (she's the heart-throb of the Senate). Both expressed their deep love, admiration, downright veneration for the people of the Second District; blah, blah and still more blah, blah.

Nearly as I can figure the object of this Q&A session was to stupify the voters into passive acceptance. It went on and on until my pulse almost stopped. If I hadn't clutched at a passing student I would have keeled over.

As a result my notes are fragmentary and partly illegible. The standardized blah-blah presents no problem. I already knew about that — but the rest is pretty hazy. I can make out a few lines about Tom Allen (a twerp, the Platonic idea of the twerp, the perfect pattern of twerptitude) but I can't see how they will be useful. My notes on Mike Michaud's grand plan for economic salvation aren't much help either (hasn't been enacted, no funding, a gift to the bureaucracy, Sen. Collins is keeping it alive in the Senate).

I'd hoped for some explanation of Rep. Michaud's letter to the chairwoman of the Judiciary Committee calling for impeachment proceedings against V.P. Cheney, but the matter was never even mentioned. I'm guessing that Mike knows the project isn't going anywhere and just sent the letter as a slab of red meat to please the Impeachifreaks on Cranks-R-U.us. He clearly doesn't think it's going to do any harm and has no intention of featuring it in his campaign.

I confess I found the whole experience pretty discouraging, with only one clear lesson about the road to political victory — pitch your self-respect overboard. My prospects for success are not good.

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Concepts.
Historical Society
The Historical Society museum has many paper items on file from a rare deed to old newspaper clippings. Small photos and billheads abound. They also have notebooks displaying many of them. They have numerous musical instruments as well as artifacts from the summer music camp.

West Paris



by
Joyce Lamb

Saturday it rained hard and it helped clear the ice and snow from the roofs. The high banks along the roadside are shrinking and dirty. Men with a ladder and shovel have had plenty of work this past two weeks. We all have to be careful leaving our drives for the banks are too high to see over.

Sunday, March 16, Jennifer Wixson will be guest speaker at the West Paris Universalist Church at 9 a.m. Jim Burke is the organist. A coffee hour follows.

On Easter Sunday, March 23, the Sunrise Service for the West Paris Universalist Church will be held at Ray and Maryann Brown's on Perham Road at the top of High Street. This will be at 6:30 a.m. followed by Easter breakfast at the church. All are welcome.

At 9 a.m. at the church, the Rev. Richard Beal will speak on, "Rolling The Rock Away."

Do come and join us.

The SnowWoman in Bethel is enormous. On Saturday I took a trip up to see her before the rain melted her away. It is much larger than I had imagined. It is well worth traveling to see.

It had been a long time since Beryl Bonney and I had been to Shaw's in Auburn but found a sunny, pleasant day last week to fill our grocery carts. If it continues to snow every other day as in the past weeks, we

should have enough goodies to satisfy our hunger for several weeks. Getting groceries means that we have to eat out. We chose Tin Tins and did not come home hungry. The traveling was good for the roads were bare. There were a lot of potholes though.

Dorothy Christie is at Market Square Health Care, and I go down often. She is receiving therapy to regain her strength so she can get home to tend her flowerbeds this spring.

We have play time twice a day as Muffin runs through all the rooms and likes me to chase her.

Albany



by
Sheila Dyke

Greetings and hello from Albany Township. We hope that everyone is well and healthy — or on the verge of being well and healthy. This flu that's been going around has really hit some people quite hard and it just doesn't seem to want to go away.

Next week is certainly a busy calendar week. This Sunday is Palm Sunday, the day celebrated as Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. Monday is St. Patrick's Day (will you be wearing o' the green?). Spring begins on Thursday (well, that's what the calendar says!) and Friday is Good Friday (commemorates the crucifixion and death of Jesus Christ). And, of course, all of this means that Sunday, March 23 is Easter Sunday, the day we Christians celebrate as Jesus rising from the grave.

The weather forecast isn't so cheerful — snow is being called for on Wednesday, with rain and snow showers later in the week and over the weekend. So, be careful on the roads as they will most likely be slippery.

Best wishes for a happy and safe week. God Bless and Keep.

Waterford



by Rockie Graham
We rapidly approach the Ides of March and still the cold and snow

are the only harbingers we see. Will spring ever come and will it float us away as the mountains of snow melt? Will the melting begin before the ground defrosts or will we be lucky and have the ground defrost and then the massive melting begin? Everyone begins to guess when ice out will be. Perhaps it will be May 31 or June 15, or perhaps it will last endlessly like the school year appears headed to be.

After Saturday's torrential rains, the Ice Fishing Extravaganza wasn't as good as hoped, as the ice was waterlogged and too difficult to walk on. Next year we may try for February instead of March. That remains to be seen. In any case, the Waterford/Stoneham/Albany Lions will meet March 13 at 6:30 p.m. at Bear Mountain Inn. Instead of Irish food, we will dine on leftover hot dogs and hamburgers plus new greens and potatoes. Bring a drink.

Thursday, the 13th, is also Justin Burkett's 14th birthday. Happy Birthday Justin. Last week, March 3 was Sadie Morin's 11th birthday. Happy Birthday Sadie.

Sunday, the 16th, is Sunday River Community Ski Day for SAD17, SAD43, and SAD21. With a little luck it will be a great day for skiing. SAD44 can go Thursday, March 27, for evening skiing.

Bart and Mary Ann Hague are to be thanked for putting part of their Crooked River property in conservation easements, which protects the



KIDS LEARN ABOUT TRANSPORTATION FOR THE PUBLIC

The Mahoosuc Montessori School at the West Parish Congregational Church in Bethel took a trip on the Mountain Explorer last week so children could learn about public transportation. They rode the entire route, which included a view of Olympia SnowWoman. Pictured here with driver Tom Carter are, front: Peyton Meader, Elsa Daulerio, Harrison Conners, Dylan Greenberg and Ben Godomsky. Back: Chase Ormiston, Alexander Baribeau, Hannah Pierce and Madeline Daulerio.

land from development. Good job, Bart and Mary Ann. They are also working toward preventing erosion and tributary damage to the land.

Too Cold For the Porch, our yearly celebration of National Poetry Month, will be held on Friday, April 18, at the Norway Library. All are invited. FMI: 743-0583.

Anyone know of any jobs available. Several of us could use paying jobs to ease up these midwinter blahs and help pay for the increasingly expensive gas. That is really something isn't it! They say \$4 by summer. At this rate it may be by May.

On that note, have a great

week. Hope it is all sunshine even if it is still cold.

From

Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce

Olympia SnowWoman, the World's Tallest SnowWoman,

is still standing proud in Bethel for all to visit. The Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce, the project's coordinator, is selling 50/50 "When will she melt?" raffle tickets that are available at the chamber's office, which is located off Cross Street, Bethel, behind the cinema.

Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. The "lucky" winner(s) will be given 50 percent of the total sales and will be awarded based on the best guess of the date that all of the 13,000,000 pounds of snow used for Olympia is completely gone.

A large portion of the remaining ticket sale funds will be donated to the Town of Bethel's General Assistance Fund.

The chamber is willing to remind people that when we built Angus, King of the Mountain, the World's Tallest Snowman in 1999, the 8,000,000 pounds of snow used to build him finally evaporated sometime in mid-June.

While purchasing raffle tickets, the chamber is offering, for sale, commemorative souvenirs ranging in price from \$2 to \$20.

The office is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Saturday and 12 to 5 p.m. on Sundays.

For more information on Olympia SnowWoman, go to the project website www.bethelmainesnowwoman.com or call the chamber office 824-2282.

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From
**Oxford County
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The Oxford County Democrats set a new record for attendance at their County Meeting on March 9, with close to 100 people from a majority of the towns in the county attending the late afternoon meeting and earlier afternoon trainings, including a session on Campaign Expenditures and Reporting by Gavin O'Brien of the Maine Ethics Commission, and campaign training by Torvic Vardamis of the Maine Democratic Party.

At the County Meeting, County Vice-chair Roy Gedat of Norway led off with an introduction of the candidates present including state Senator Bruce Bryant of Dixfield, Rep. Terry Hayes of Buckfield, Rep. Tim Carter of Bethel, Rep. John Patrick of Rumford running for County Commissioner in District 2, House candidates Matt Peterson of Rumford, Helen Rankin of Hiram, Russell Newcomb of Norway, Paul Dumas of Mexico running for Judge of Probate, Bruce Rood of Norway running for Register of Probate, and Charleen Chase of Bethel running for County Commissioner in District 1. Rep. Sheryl Briggs of Mexico and Jim Bradley of Mechanic Falls running for House District 100 were unable to attend due to schedule issues, and Senate 13 candidate Lisa Villa of Harrison, and House 98 candidate Megan Crawford of Harrison were attending a public event in Bridgton. Candidates present each gave a short "stump speech."

Torvic Vardamis of the Maine Democratic Party announced that Convention Packets would be sent starting this week to delegates and alternates elected to the State Convention. The convention will be held in Augusta on May 30, 31, and June 1. County Chair Cathy Newell announced that people are welcome to attend the convention as guests and information will be distributed in the near future on that. Vardamis announced that forms for State Committee and for National Delegates are available on the Maine Democratic Party web-

site, www.mainedems.org. Sam Spencer, National Committeeman from Maine, spoke briefly on his re-election campaign and on the situation regarding the presidential nominating process. Newell announced that there will be a County Committee meeting in the southern region on Sunday, April 13, at 3:30 p.m., at the Legion Hall in Fryeburg with several of Maine's Superdelegates as speakers, including Spencer, Party Chair John Knutson and Vice-chair Marianne Stevens.

Andrea Quaid of Congressman Michaud's Lewiston office reported on recent legislative activities of the Congressman and assured the gathering that Congressman Michaud was looking forward to visits to Oxford County in the coming election season. She reported that the Congressman had joined Oxford County Democrats for the Feb. 21, 2008 Campaign Kick-off in South Paris.

Aislinn Hougham of the Tom Allen for Senate campaign gave a report, including news of the birth of the first Allen grandchild. She assured the attendees that they will be seeing the Congressman frequently as the campaign season progresses.

Treasurer Mike Broderick and Newell conducted a few items of County Committee business. Rep. Terry Hayes was elected to represent Oxford County on the Credentials Committee for the convention. Several town chairs, including Mary Dube of Canton, Rich Plante of Mexico and Jennifer Plante of Dixfield reported on municipal committee meetings held recently. The Mexico Democrats will be meeting again on Sunday, March 16, at 6:30 at the University College Center in Mexico.

The remainder of the meeting was devoted to planning for the upcoming campaign. April meetings include the April 13 meeting in Fryeburg and regional meetings in the Northern and Central regions with details to be announced. Anyone interested in electing Democrats is welcome to become involved in the activities of the Oxford County Democrats. To receive the e-newsletter or to discuss ways to help, call Cathy Newell 875-2116 or e-mail cathyn@megalink.net.

SHOULDER SURGERY
A rainstorm and wind battered Olympia SnowWoman this past weekend, dislocating her left arm, ripping away part of her scarf and breaking off a section of her pendant. On Tuesday, with help from a Bancroft crane and the Newry F.D. ladder truck, engineer Jim Sysko and pendant-maker Jim Mann made repairs. Here, from the top of the ladder, Sysko directs the crane operator in re-attaching the fir tree arm.

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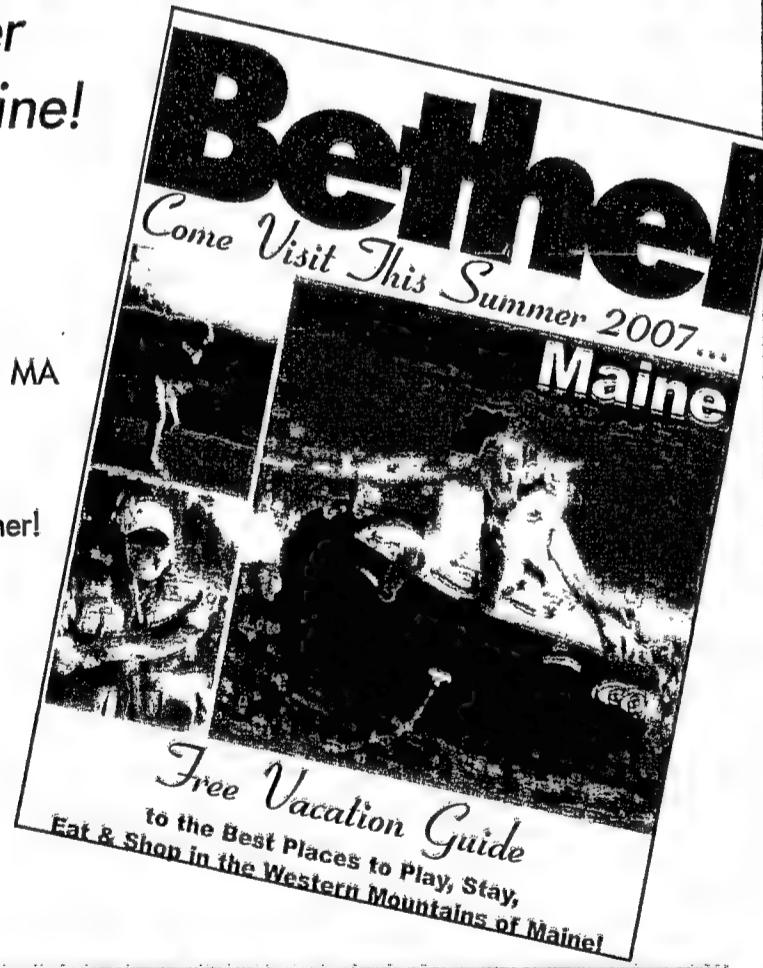
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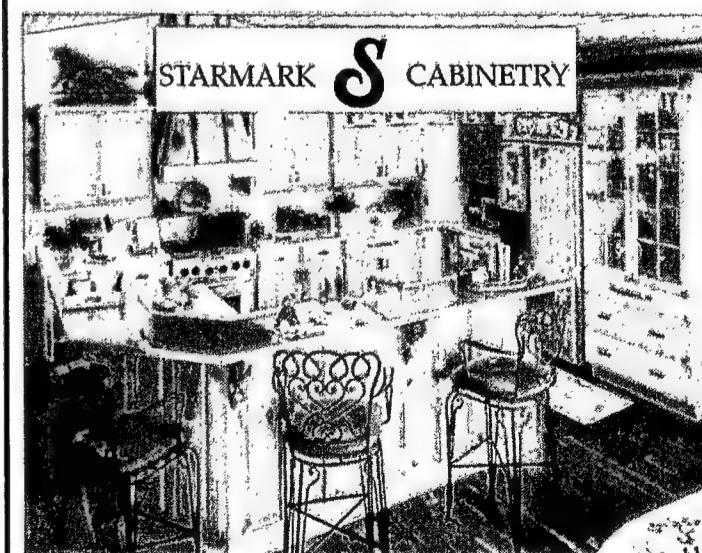
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Events Calendar

Saturday, March 29th, 9 a.m. (Fridays) — Oxford Hills Duplicate Bridge at Fare Share Food Coop, 443 Main Street, Norway. For more information, call Mimi Bell (743-8081) or Rowena Palmer (743-2882) or e-mail bridge@megalink.net.

Every Wednesday, 7 to 9 p.m. — The Yet To Be Named Banjo Club practices in the Commons of the Fare Share Market at 477 Main Street, Norway. Interested banjoists are invited to join. The public is welcome to come in and listen. FMI: call Alan Hamilton at 875-2680.

7 p.m. (second Tuesday each month) — Open mike original poetry reading at Mouse and Bean, 63 Main Street, Bethel. FMI: 824-2366. Come read or just have coffee and take in the scene.

First and Third Wednesdays 9 to 12 a.m. — Veterans' Advocate will be at Main Veterans' Home, South Paris.

Wednesdays 6 to 7:30 p.m. — People in recovery from alcohol/drug addiction may need to move to a Next Step group. Open to everyone who feels they may benefit from a change. FMI: call Laurence Austin at 824-4077 (all calls confidential).

Sundays 7 p.m. — Adult Indoor Soccer at Telstar Gymnasium. \$10 for winter/spring.

Wednesday nights — TOPS, take off pounds sensibly, meets at Bethel Alliance Church from 5:30 to 6 p.m. (weigh in) and meeting from 6 to 6:30 p.m. All welcome. FMI: call 824-3288.

Wednesdays at 9 a.m. — Moving Freely Exercise class at Andover Town Hall. FMI: call Pam Pace at 357-0308.

Month of March — Images of real life interpreted through the eyes of contemporary oil painter Emily Andersson will be on exhibit in the Community Gallery at Cafè Nomad in Norway.

Thursday, March 13

Becky Shaw Ski Day at Mt. Abram, Locke Mills. "Becky Ticket" proceeds go to Paraoptometric Educational Fund. Jewel and Donnie will entertain in the lounge from 3 p.m. on.

2 p.m. — At Whitman Memorial Library, Bryant Pond: Marta Clements will lead discussion on the One Book One Community selection, "Here If You Need Me," by Kate Braestrup. Everyone welcome at no charge and light refreshments will be served. Books available at library.

Friday, March 14

2 p.m. — At St. Kieran Community Center for the Arts, 155 Emery Street, Berlin, N.H.: St. Patrick's Day Dinner Celebration will be held at Town and Country Restaurant, Shelburne, N.H. Tickets: \$25 per person/advanced tickets necessary. FMI: (603) 752-1028 or visit stkiernanarts.org.

Friday and Saturday, March 14 and 15
7:30 p.m. — Oddfellow Theater, Buckfield, will feature The Early Evening Show's own Oren Robinson presenting a night of original music. Tickets: \$12 for adults, \$10 for seniors and \$6 for children 12 and under. FMI: call the box office at 336-3306 or visit www.oddfellow.com.

Saturday, March 15

1 to 3 p.m. — American Girl Tea Party at McLaughlin Gardens, South Paris. Bring favorite American Girl doll. Tea and treats, fun activities and chance to win special American Girl gift. Pre-registration required, \$10 for members, \$12 for nonmembers. FMI: 743-8820.

7 p.m. — Black Diamond Family Entertainment Series presents: Mark Nizer, The Juggler Your Mother Warned You About

at North and South Ballroom, Grand Summit Resort Hotel, Sunday River Ski Resort, Newry. Tickets: students advance \$4/\$6 door, adults advance \$6/\$8 door. FMI: 824-3500.

Sunday, March 16
Sunday River Community Ski Day for SAD17, 21 and 43.

Monday, March 17

6:30 p.m. — West Paris Down Hill Derby meeting at West Paris Town Office, Kingsbury Street, to elect officers for the new year and to make out a race schedule. First race will be during West Paris Old Home Days, the first weekend in June. New members welcomed. FMI: call Katie at 890-1174.

7 p.m. — One Book One Community program will be the focus on two organizations, American Red Cross and Friends of Little Field Home, at Norway Memorial Library. FMI: www.oxfordhillsreads.blogspot.com or contact the library at 743-5309.

Wednesday, March 19

11 a.m. — Neighborly Seniors of Dixfield will meet at the Dixfield Legion Hall. Silver and Gold will be the entertainment. Still room on March 17 Indian Head trip. FMI: call Connie at 364-4189.

4:30 p.m. — Initial Community Conference Planning Meeting at the Lewin Center, Broad Street, Bethel. Community members invited. Beverages and light refreshments available. RSVP not necessary but helpful in preparations. FMI: call The Lewin Center at 824-8035 and leave message or e-mail Nancy Davis, program director at nancy@lewincenter.org.

6 p.m. — Hanover Comprehensive Plan Committee meeting.

7 p.m. — Pay-Per-Bag information meeting at Woodstock Town Office.

Thursday, March 20

5 to 8:30 p.m. — Parent-Teacher Conferences at Telstar. Interested parents/guardians asked to call 824-2136 and press 1 to schedule an appointment.

6 p.m. — Maundy Thursday Supper at North Waterford Church vestry, followed by Seder meal service and Holy Communion.

7 p.m. — SWOAM meeting at Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School in Room 118, located just off the cafeteria. The meeting is free and open to the public. For further information, contact chapter President Merle Ring at 674-3787.

Thursday and Friday, March 20 and 21
2008 American Cancer Society Daffodil Days in Bethel. Volunteers will sell bouquets of daffodils (\$10 each) at the Bethel Foodliner on Main Street. FMI: call 824-3226.

Friday, March 21

10:30 a.m. — Oxford County Education Association-Retired meeting at Buckfield Community Church. Speaker: Dr. Harry Harper, retired physician and author. Fundraiser: book

sale. All retired teachers and support personnel welcome.

Friday and Saturday, March 21 and 22

7:30 p.m. — Oddfellow Theater, Buckfield, present The Odd-Shorts Film Festival with Matt Tardy and Mike Miclon in an evening of hilarious short films, viral videos and unexpected interviews with local film-makers. Tickets: \$12 for adults, \$10 for seniors and \$6 for children 12 and under. FMI: call the box office at 336-3306 or visit www.oddfellow.com

Saturday, March 22

8 a.m. — Pancake and Maple Syrup Breakfast on Holy Saturday at North Waterford Church vestry. Admission: \$7 for adults and \$3 for children under 12. Proceeds will go for Steeple Fund for the church.

10 a.m. — Easter Egg Hunt, sponsored by Mystery 4-H Club and town of Newry at Newry Grange Hall, Bear River Road. For directions: call 824-0460. Eggs, candy and prizes. Bring a friend and join the celebration.

Family Concert with Mary Ukelady at Norway Memorial Library, 258 Main Street, from 11 to 11:30 and from 12 to 12:30 p.m. Free. Songs for all ages. FMI: call 743-5309 or visit www.Norway.lib.me.us.

4 and 7 p.m. (two shows) — Russian American Kids Circus, an ensemble of gifted, young entertainers, will perform at Sunday River's Grand Summit Hotel and Conference Center. For ticket information call 824-3575. During the weekend there will be egg hunts, egg painting and a visit by the Easter Bunny. FMI: visit www.sundayriver.com/easterweekend.

Sunday, March 23

6:30 a.m. — Easter Sunday Sunrise at Keoka Lake town beach in Waterford, followed by breakfast at North Waterford Church vestry. Worship service at 10 a.m.

Wednesday, March 26

3 to 6:30 p.m. — Parent-Teacher Conferences at Telstar. Interested parents/guardians asked to call 824-2136 and press 1 to schedule an appointment.

Thursday, March 27

SAD44 White Cap Evening Skiing at Sunday River Ski Resort.

March 27-30

"Swing," featuring music from Benny Goodman, Count Basie, Duke Ellington and Glenn Miller performed by Oxford Hills School District Music Department at Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School. Tickets available March 1 at Books 'n Things, Norway. Mail-in ticket requests and seating chart available at all Norway, South Paris, Oxford and Windham branches of Norway Savings Bank or at www.sad17.k12.me.us/instruction/music/swing/. Send to Books 'n Things with self-addressed stamped envelope and payment, and tickets will be sent to you.

American Life in Poetry

Selection and comments by Ted Kooser, U.S. Poet Laureate 2004-2006

Here, poet Yusef Komunyakaa, who teaches at New York University, shows us a fine portrait of the hard life of a worker—in this case, a horse—and, through metaphor, the terrible, clumsy beauty of his final moments.

Yellowjackets

When the plowblade struck
An old stump hiding under
The soil like a beggar's
Rotten tooth, they swarmed up
& Mister Jackson left the plow
Wedged like a whaler's harpoon.
The horse was midnight
Against dusk, tethered to somebody's
Pocketwatch. He shivered, but not
The way women shook their heads
Before mirrors at the five
& dime—a deeper connection
To the low field's evening star.
He stood there, in tracechains,
Lathered in froth, just
Stopped by a great, goofy
Calmness. He whinnied
Once, & then the whole
Beautiful, blue-black sky
Fell on his back.

March 28, 29 and 30

2008 Maine Home and Garden Show at Costello Sports Complex, U of Southern Maine, Gorham. Friday 12 to 7 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Sunday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Cost: adults \$7, youth (7-12) \$2, under 7 free. FMI: visit www.mainehomeandgardenshow.com.

Saturday, March 29

1 p.m. — Gilead Historical Society meeting at the Town Hall. Support needed in order to continue to offer Friends and Family Day on June 21.

Sunday, March 30

1 to 4 p.m. — Retirement Party for Terry Perry, who is retiring from the Bethel Post Office on March 31. The party will be held at the Bethel Historical Society, Broad Street. Stop in at the Post Office if unable to attend the party.

It's always wise to call ahead

Listings in The Citizen's weekly Community Calendar are compiled from a wide variety of sources. While we do our utmost to ensure the reliability of the information presented here, we recognize that when dealing with such a large volume of material, some inaccuracies will occasionally creep in. And in other cases, a sponsoring organization's plans may change between the time The Citizen is printed and the event is held. Accordingly, we strongly urge our readers to call ahead to verify the details of any event they plan to attend. Doing so will greatly reduce the chance of disappointment or needless inconvenience.

Church Services

ALBANY

Congregational Church - Hunts Corner, 9:30 a.m. Sunday worship and Sunday School at 9 a.m.; Pastor Eddie Gammon. Bible Study 6:30 Thursdays at the home of Fernand Corriveau.

ANDOVER

First Congregational Church Rev. Jane Rich. Sunday morning worship 10 a.m. followed by coffee fellowship. All are welcome. FMI: 392-3761.

Calvary Bible Church - Pastor Ken Wagstaff Sunday School 9:30 a.m.; Morning worship 10:45 a.m.; Wednesday prayer meeting 6:30 p.m.; RT. 5, S. Andover. 392-1121.

BETHEL

Bethel Alliance Church - Rev. Kevin Bellinger. Sundays: Sunday School for adults and children at 9 a.m.; Morning worship service at 10 a.m.; Kidz Klub (4 yrs-5th grade) at 5:30 p.m.; Prayer fellowship Wednesdays at 7 p.m.; Sundays: Youth Group (6th-12th grade) at 5:30 p.m. For more information call 824-2289.

Church of the Nazarene - Pastor Chuck Mason, 9:30 a.m. Sunday School, 10:30 a.m. morning worship. Thursday evening service in different locations. Call for info. 824-4028 (voice mail) or 824-7289 FMI.

West Parish Congregational - Rev. Virginia Rickeman. 10 a.m. worship, child care available. Prayer, Tuesday, 8 a.m. FMI call 824-0550.

Our Lady of the Snows - Saturday 8 a.m. Rev. Angelo Levesque. 364-4556.

United Methodist - Geoffrey Gross, Pastor, 10:30 a.m. Sunday worship. Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.

West Bethel Union - Morning worship and 9 a.m. Sunday School. For information, call 826-3533 or 826-2822. Rev. John Williams.

Pleasant Valley Bible - Pastor Aaron McNally. Sunday Services: Sunday School, 9 a.m., all ages; Morning Worship, 10 a.m.; Junior church and nursery available. Mens Bible study Monday at 7 p.m.; Ladies Bible study Tuesday 7:30 p.m.; prayer meeting Tuesday 7 p.m.; Awana Youth Program Wednesdays: 3:30 p.m. Cubbies (age 3-5); Sparks (K-2nd grade); 6:15 p.m. Truth & Training (grade 3-6). FMI: 824-3006 or 824-2037.

Episcopal House Church - Holy communion service the third or fourth Sunday of every month at 4 p.m. at 38 Chapman Street. For further information, call the Reverend Gwyneth Bohr at 392-2913.

Seventh Day Adventist Fellowship: Meet at the Nazarene Church on Saturdays, on Church Street in Bethel. For more info, call 824-8939.

North Paris Federation - Morse Hill Road, North Paris. Sunday Service 8 a.m.; Pastor Bruce Tyler. 674-2958. Singers/organist third Sunday at 10 a.m. every month after Sunday School.

Oxford Hills Friends (Quakers) - Sunday Service 9:30 a.m. at HOPE Ripley Center, High Street, 26, Paris across the street from the Post Office. Call Ursula Brandon at 663-2880 or Sue Reilly at 966-2012 for more information.

Christ Episcopal Church - 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.; Sunday School at 9 a.m. Informal worship at 5 p.m. Sundays. Healing service with communion 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday. Rev. Anne Stanley. Call 743-6762 for more information.

First Baptist Church of Paris - On the Common at the top of Paris Hill. 10:30 a.m. Worship service. Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. Coffee hour follows the service. FMI: 824-8695.

EAST STONEHAM

Oxford County United Parish Churches in Stoneham and North Waterford - Services at 10 a.m. at the North Waterford Congregational Church (UCC), located on the Five Kezars Road, off Routes 35 & 37, opposite Melby's Market. Services 35 at North Waterford through the winter months. Choir practice 9 a.m., followed by Bible Study at 9:15 a.m.

Items for the Community Calendar may be brought to The Bethel Citizen Office mailed in or phoned in at 824-2444. The Deadline is Monday at Noon

Support Services

ABUSED WOMEN'S ADVOCACY PROJECT

AWAP serves all of Oxford County and provides emergency shelter, court advocacy and support groups with child care. Rumford office 369-0750; Norway office 743-5086; 24 hour hotline 1-800-559-2927

AA MEETINGS

Bethel Freedom Group's Big Book Meeting Sundays at 6 p.m. at the United Methodist Church, Main Street.

Bethel Freedom Group's Speaker/Discussion Meeting, Tuesdays at 6 p.m. at the United Methodist Church, Main Street.

Bethel Freedom Group's 12 Step/Traditions Meeting, Fridays at 6 p.m. at Bethel United Methodist Church.

ADDITION HELP

Narconon, a nonprofit public benefit organization that specializes in helping people with drug or alcohol addictions offers FREE assessments and more than 11,000 local referrals through the 800 line. Drug addiction can be overcome and Narconon can help. Call (800) 556-8885 or visit www.drugrehab.net.

ALCOHOL & DRUG COUNSELING

Alcohol and drug counseling, Saturdays at Bethel Counseling Center, 16 Parkway (Professional Building). Tom Kelly, LADC, 357-7354

EXCHANGES

District Exchange Community Thrift Shop accepts donations of in-season clothing in clean, wearable condition only. Drop-off hours and shopping: Monday 1-4pm, Thursday 4-6pm and Saturday 10am-12pm.

CABLE LINE-UP

2 PEG - Public Access	13 CBS - WGME	24 Fox Sports Net	35 Fox News	47 USA	57 Travel Channel	66 ABC Family
3 UPN - WPME	14 QVC	25 ESPN	36 CNN Cable News Network	48 TBS	58 EWTN - Eternal Word Television Network	67 Nickelodeon
4 FOX - WFO	15 Home Shopping Network	26 ESPN 2	37 Headline News	49 Oxygen	59 Hallmark	68 Disney Channel
5 Local Access	16 PEG - Educational	27 Great American Country	39 CNBC	50 A&E - Arts & Entertainment	60 TBN - Trinity Broadcast Network	69 Animal Planet
6 NBC - WSH	17 Shop NBC	28 MTV - Music Television	40 MSNBC	51 AMC - American Movie Classics	61 The History Channel	70 Sci-Fi Channel
7 PEG - Educational	18 TV Guide Channel	29 VH1	41 truTV	52 Ovation - Fine Arts TV	62 TLC - The Learning Channel	71 TV5 - French Television
8 ABC - WMTW	19 C-Span	30 Lifetime - TV for Women	42 TCM - Turner Classic Movies	53 Bravo	63 Discovery Channel	72 PIN
9 ADELPHIA 9	20 C-Span 2	31 Spike TV - TV for Men	43 Movie Plex	54 E!	64 TV Land	73 Inspirational TV Network
10 MPBN - WCB	21 PAX TV	32 Country Music Television	44 TNT - Turner Network TV	55 HGTV - Home & Garden	65 Food Network	74 Cartoon Network
11 PBS - WENH	23 NESN - New England Sports Net	33 Weather Channel	45 Comedy Central	56 BET - Black Entertainment TV		
12 WB - WPXT	34 NECN - NE Cable News	46 FX Network				

THURSDAY EVENING MARCH 13, 2008										
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3) Fortune	Jeopardy!	Dr. Phil	News	Celtics TV	Frasier	Frasier	Cheers	South Park		
(32) Grounded	Moyle: "Ever After"				Funnest Home Videos		The 700 Club			
6 207	Inside	Name Earl	Name Earl	The Celebrity Apprentice	Lipstick Jungle		News			
8 Fortune	Jeopardy!	Lost	Lost	Eli Stone		News				
10 News-Lehrer	Maine	Scully	Rosemary and Thyme	World Cafe	Charlie Rose					
(22) College Basketball: Big East Quarterfinal			College Basketball: Big East Quarterfinal -- Teams TBA		SportsCir.					
(34) CSI: Crime Scn	CSI: Crime Scn	TNA IMPACT!	Pros vs. Joes							
13 Entertain	The Insider	Survivor: Micro	CSI: Crime Scn	Without a Trace	News					
(41) College Basketball	Sports	Sports	College Basketball: Pac-10 Quarterfinal -- Teams TBA		Basketball					
(15) "Big Daddy" Cont'd	REAL Sports	Treatment	Treatment	The Wire						
(17) Montana	Suite Life	Movie: "Quint's"	So Raven	So Raven	Life Derek	Suite Life	Montana			
(18) "Shattered Image"		Movie: "Music and Lyrics"		Movie: "300"						
(20) NHL Hockey: Tampa Bay Lightning at Boston Bruins		Bruins	SportsDesk	Biscuit	SportsCir.	The Globe				
(44) Reba	Reba	Your Mama Don't Dance	Movie: "White Oleander"		Will-Grace	Will-Grace				
(5) Raymond	Raymond	Friends	Friends	Movie: "Zoolander"	Sex & City					
(24) Drake	Zoey 101	SpongeBob	Drake	Home Imp.	Home Imp.	Lopez	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.		
(25) "The Matrix" Cont'd		Movie: "In the Line of Fire"			Breaking Bad		"Volcano"			
(26) Law Order: CI	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law Order: CI					
(27) CSI: Miami	The First 48	The First 48	Crime 360	The First 48						
(12) Videos	Movie: "Absolute Power"			WGN News at Nine	Scrubs	Scrubs				
(39) Lou Dobbs Tonight	CNN Election Center	Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360						

FRIDAY EVENING MARCH 14, 2008										
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3) Fortune	Jeopardy!	Dr. Phil	News	Jeopardy!	Frasier	Frasier	Cheers	South Park		
(32) Grounded	Grounded	Movie: "The Cutting Edge"		Funnest Home Videos	The 700 Club					
6 207	Inside	Amnesia	Dateline NBC	Dateline NBC	News					
8 Fortune	Jeopardy!	Grey's Anatomy	20/20	20/20	News					
10 News-Lehrer	Wash Wk	Maine	Bill Moyers Journal	NOW	Expose	Charlie Rose				
(22) College Basketball: Big East Semifinal		College Basketball: Big East Tournament Semifinal -- Teams TBA	SportsCir.							
(34) CSI: Crime Scn	CSI: Crime Scn	Dangerous Animals II	Most Amazing Videos	Disorderly Con.						
13 Entertain	The Insider	Price Is Right	Ghost Whisperer	NUMB3RS	News					
(41) Celtics Pre.	NBA Basketball: Utah Jazz at Boston Celtics	Celtics	Sports	Sports	Basketball					
(15) Movie: "The Fountain" Cont'd	Countdown	Treatment	Treatment	The Wire						
(17) Montana	Suite Life	Movie: "Sky High"	So Raven	Life Derek	Suite Life	Montana				
(18) Movie: "Just My Luck" Cont'd		Movie: "Let's Go to Prison"	Movie: "Coming to America"							
(20) Hockey	College Hockey: Hockey East Quarterfinal -- Teams TBA	SportsDesk	The Buzz	SportsDesk	Biscuit					
(44) Still Stnd	Still Stnd	Reba	Reba	Your Mama Don't Dance	Movie: "Come Early Morning"					
(5) Raymond	Raymond	Friends	Friends	Movie: "Saving Silverman"	Sex & City					
(24) Naked	Zoey 101	H2O	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Lopez	Lopez	Home Imp.	Home Imp.		
(25) "In the Line of Fire"		Movie: "The Omen"		Movie: "Damien: Omen II"						
(26) Monk	Law & Order: SVU	Monk	Law & Order: SVU	House						
(27) CSI: Miami	CSI: Miami	CSI: Miami	CSI: Miami	The Sopranos						
(12) Funnest Home Videos	Movie: "The Thomas Crown Affair"		WGN News at Nine	Scrubs	Scrubs					
(39) Lou Dobbs Tonight	CNN Election Center	Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360						

SATURDAY EVENING MARCH 15, 2008										
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3) Fortune	Jeopardy!	Movie: "This Is Spinal Tap"		Dan Evans	King	Sports Fan	Frasier			
(32) "The Cutting Edge"	Movie: "The Cutting Edge 2: Going for the Gold"	Movie: "Ice Castles"								
6 207	Law Order: CI	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order	News	Sat. Night					
8 Fortune	Jeopardy!	Movie: "Catch Me If You Can"		News						
10 Fields	Wait God	Good Neighbors	Movie: "The 39 Steps"	Red Green	Monty Python					
(22) College Basketball	College GameDay	College Basketball: Big East Final -- Teams TBA	SportsCir.							
(34) CSI: Crime Scn	CSI: Crime Scn	CSI: Crime Scn	Pros vs. Joes	TNA IMPACT!						
13 College Basketball	Cold Case	Criminal Minds	48 Hours Mystery	News	NE Journal					
(41) Best Damn 50	Celtics Pre.	NBA Basketball: Boston Celtics at Milwaukee Bucks	Celtics	Celtics	Celtics Now					
(15) Movie: "Disturbia" Cont'd	Movie: "The Good Shepherd"		Def Jam	Blood Diamond						
(17) Montana	Suite Life	Phineas	Cory	Movie: "The Incredibles"	Suite Life	Montana				
(18) "Lethal Weapon 4"	Movie: "Turistas"		Movie: "Dreamgirls"							
(20) Rizzotti	Women's College Basketball	Cruisin	SportsDesk	Biscuit	SportsCir.	Golf Dest				
(44) Movie: "Goodwillies" Cont'd		Movie: "Wisegal"	Your Mama Don't Dance							
(5) King	King	Movie: "Wedding Crashers"		Deuce Bigalow: European Gigolo						
(24) Drake	Drake	iCarly	Naked	Just Jordan	Drake	Lopez	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.		
(25) "Open Range" Cont'd		Movie: "Silverado"		Movie: "The Searchers"						
(26) NCIS	NCIS	NCIS	NCIS	Law & Order: SVU						
(27) "Erin Brockovich" Cont'd	Movie: "True Lies"		Flip This House							
(12) Sports	Funnest	Movie: "The Thomas Crown Affair"		WGN News at Nine	Scrubs	Reno 911!				
(39) Lou Dobbs This Week	Special Investigations	Larry King Live	Newsroom	Special Investigations						

SUNDAY EVENING MARCH 16, 2008										
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	<			

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From
Gould Academy

Gould Academy has hired Lauren Crothers Simard as the new director of the Winter Term Program. Simard brings a strong background in adolescent development to an important residential setting as well as a keen understanding of the Gould community and the competitive on-snow world.

"The Winter Term Program is an exciting opportunity for eighth and ninth graders with a passion for academics and competitive on-snow athletics. It is a great way to gain an introduction to Gould Academy and all that it offers and to be on-snow full-time during the winter months," said Simard. "I look forward to building relationships with such hard-working students and continuing the program's success."

Gould's Winter Term Program offers a select group of eighth- and ninth-grade students an opportunity to train in alpine, Nordic, snowboarding or freestyle disciplines under the direction of the academy's highly-qualified, full-time on-snow coaching staff. Off the

mountain, students benefit from a strong academic experience, engaging in a specially designed curriculum in mathematics, science and the humanities. The program runs each year from November to March.

Simard recently returned to Gould with her husband, Head Alpine Coach Kurt Simard, where she had previously served as assistant director of admissions and director of public relations from 1995-1999. She received her master of science in marriage and family therapy from the University of New Hampshire in 2005 and has recently worked as a clinical child and family therapist.

The Simards will reside on campus in Vogt House, home to the Winter Term Program, and will serve as dormitory parents for students enrolled.

From

S.W.O.A.M.

Local management of the Maine Tree Growth Tax law and income tax effects of timber sales will be the focus of the 7 p.m. March 20 meeting of the western Maine chapter of the Small Woodland Owners Association of Maine.

Paul Binette, CMA of John E. O'Donnell & Associates of New Gloucester, will discuss the basics of Tree Growth. He will look at the law and how it is managed by area communities. Paul has been with O'Donnell for more than 15 years serving area communities in various real estate and personal property tax assessment functions.

George Rafuse, CPA of Macdonald Page & Co. of South Portland, will speak on the income tax effects of timber sales and the management of timberlands. His presentation will be similar to the one he gave two years ago at the state SWOAM meeting at the Agricultural Trade Show in Augusta. George is a partner of Macdonald Page & Co. and has been involved in the auditing, financial statements preparations and the tax work of the forest products industry in New England for more than 30 years.

The meeting will be held at Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School in Room 118, located just off the cafeteria. The meeting is free and open to the public. For further information, contact chapter President Merle Ring at 674-3787.

From
Bethel Historical Society's Regional History Center

President Allen Cressy has called a special meeting of the Bethel Historical Society for Saturday, April 19, at the O'Neil Robinson House, 10 Broad Street, at 2 p.m. to vote on proposed amendments and changes in the society's bylaws.

These proposed changes include adding up to six more trustees to the society's Board plus the creation of a Development Committee to be considered at this meeting. All members of the society are cordially invited to attend. There will also be a report on the society's plans for the immediate future, which should be of interest to many members.

Advance copies of these changes can be obtained by visiting the main office at the Robinson House or calling the society 824-2908.

BHS seeking nominations for Preservation Award
Each year, the Bethel Historical Society seeks nominations for its Preservation Award

to recognize an outstanding effort of stewardship of a historic property in the region served by the society (particularly western Maine and northern New Hampshire).

The criteria may include age (at least 50 years old), historical integrity, visual appropriateness, historical adaptive re-use, or other special considerations.

Nominations should be received by the society's Historic Preservation Committee by April 15 and the award, if approved by the committee, will be announced in May during National Historic Preservation Week.

All work on projects to be considered for the award must be substantially complete in the judgment of

the committee.

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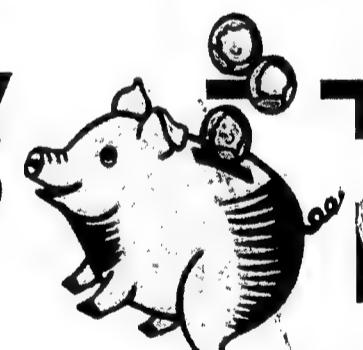
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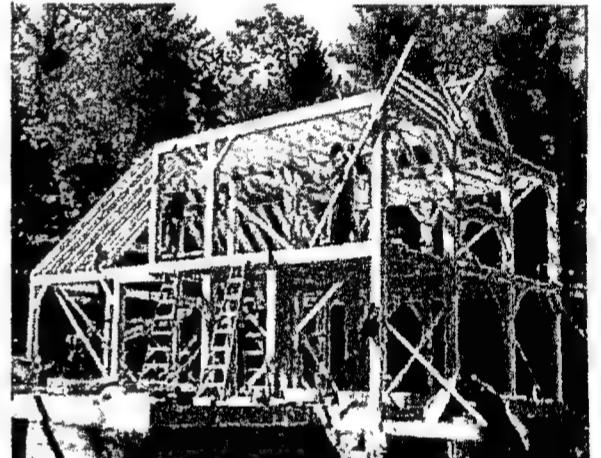
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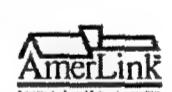
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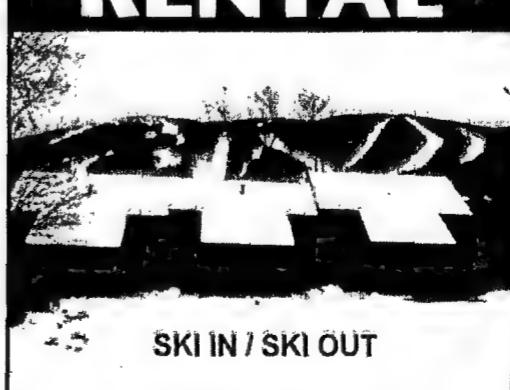
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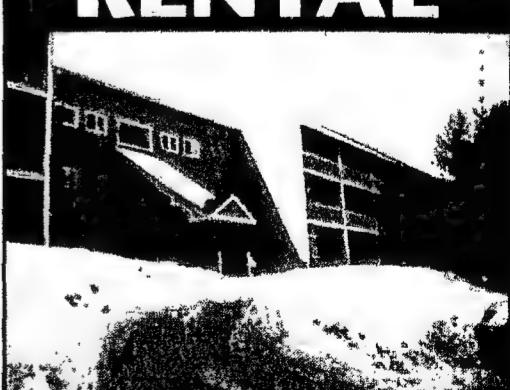
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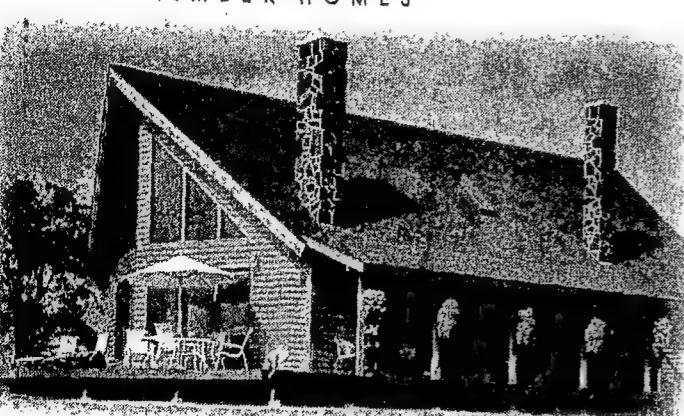
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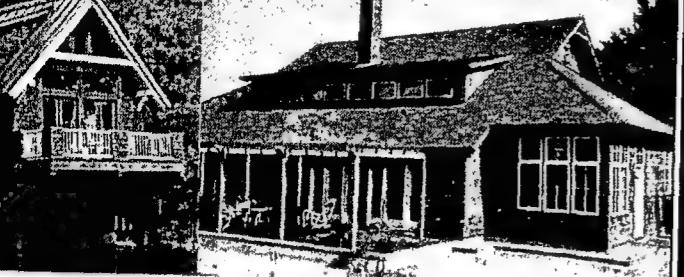
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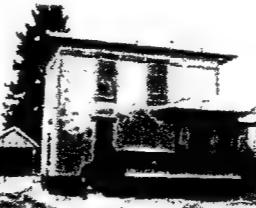

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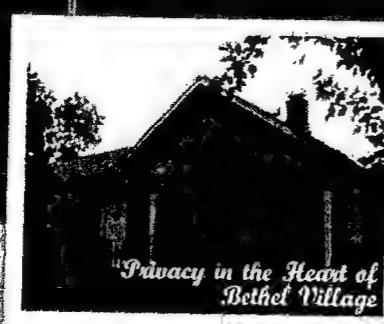
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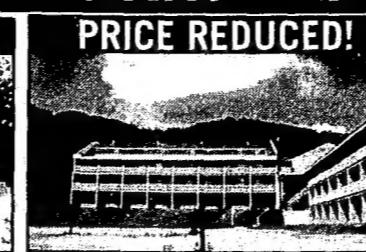
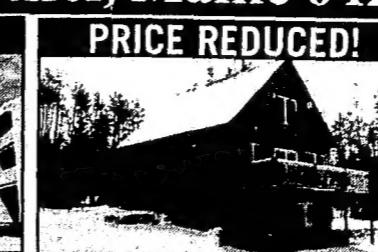
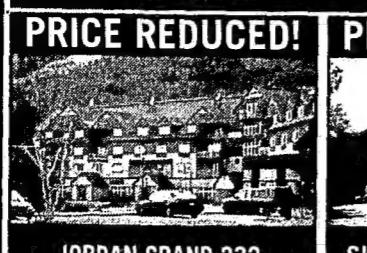
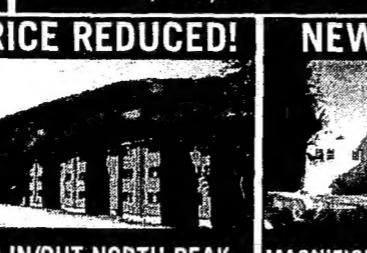
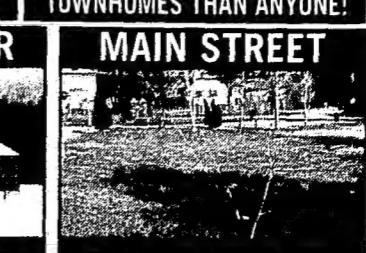
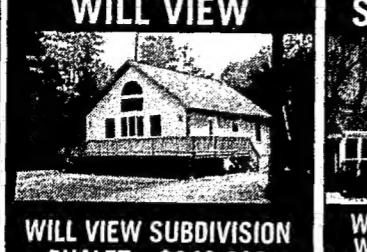
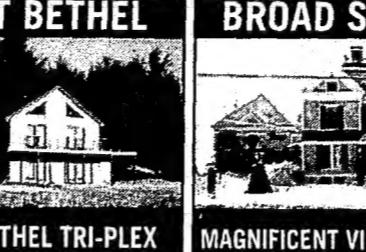
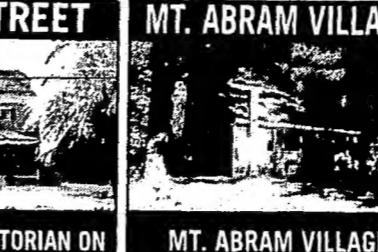
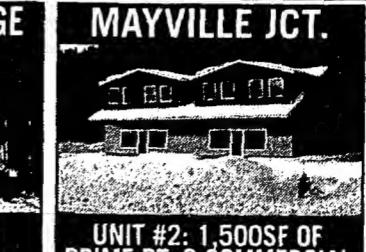
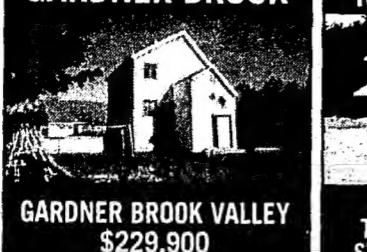
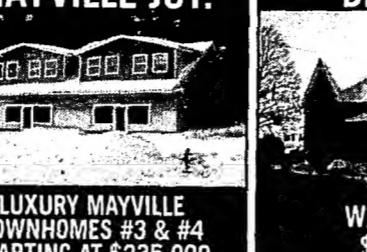
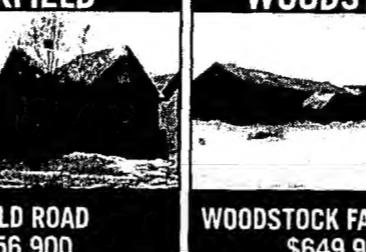
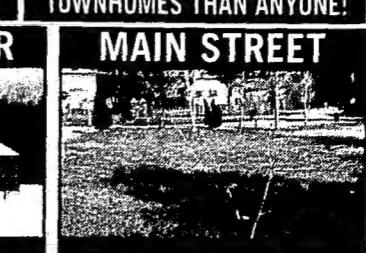
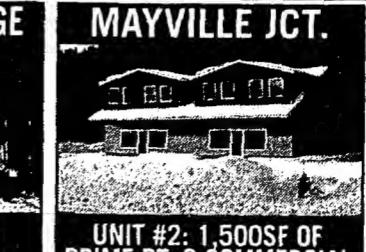
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FLORENCE B. HASTINGS

Florence B. Hastings, 103, a resident of East Bethel, died quietly in her sleep on March 5, 2008. As the oldest citizen of Bethel, she received the Boston Post cane in February 2007.

She was born in Portland on Aug. 26, 1904, the daughter of Robert and Edna Wellman Bickford. She grew up and attended schools in Bowdoinham and Brunswick. She graduated from Gorham Normal School in 1924, and taught school in Lisbon, Hanover and Augusta.

She married Robert D. Hastings on Dec. 18, 1926. They made their home on the Hastings Farm in East Bethel, where they raised their four children. She taught school in East Bethel and substitute taught in the local area for 20 years.

Throughout her lifetime, she earned a reputation for her creative handicrafts. She braided and hooked rugs,

made quilts and knitted afghans, sweaters, mittens and hats, did tote painting and created Christmas craft items. She excelled at whatever craft she learned and instructed many others over the years.

Her home and the homes of her friends, children and grandchildren showcase the quantity, variety and quality of her handwork. The Florence B. Hastings Traditional Arts and Crafts room in the proposed new addition to the Robinson House at the Bethel Historical Society will continue her legacy.

Her cooking was legendary and no family gathering was complete without her cinnamon buns and pies. She volunteered as a guide and craftsperson at the Bethel Historical Society for many years.

She was honored as Outstanding Homemaker by the Oxford County Extension Service in 1976. For several years the Hastings opened their home to summer visitors as part of the Farm Vacation Program. Families from New York, New Jersey, Michigan and the Panama Canal Zone spent their summer vacations there. The social aspect of three meals a day of fresh farm and garden products and the experience of being part of a working farm resulted in life-long friendships.

She gained notoriety as the star of "The Center of Things," an hour-long documentary about the Hastings family farm, which was part of the PBS series "Our Stories."

Her sense of humor and famous one-liners will be remembered by her family and many friends of all ages. She was proud of her home, the oldest in Bethel, which she restored and lovingly decorated over the 81 years she lived there.

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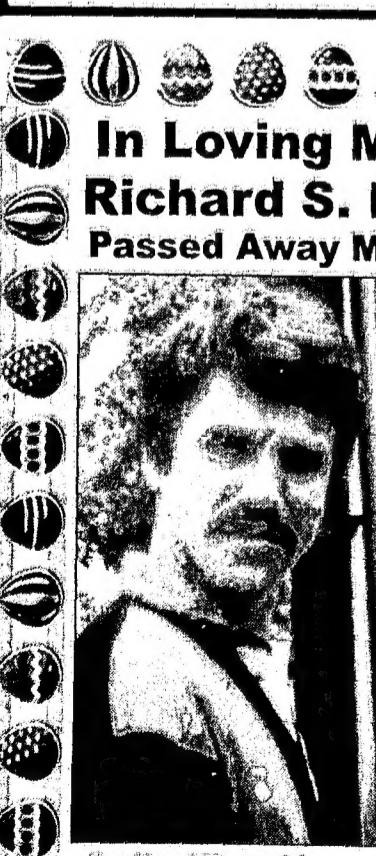
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Dorothy Dawn "Dee Dee" Palmer

3/14/91 ~ 11/03/07

In memory of the gift you were and
gave to all of us, the example of your
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